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Senator Charles H. Percy, Illinois Republican, gesturing as he talked to reporters in Washington yesterday.

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2 on Judiciary Panel Criticize Nixon for Not Disclosing Tapes

WASHINGTON, March 10 (Reuters)—Two members of the House Judiciary Committee expressed concern today about President Nixon's refusal to give up six Watergate tapes for the committee's investigation on whether to recommend impeachment of the President.

They said that continued refusal would almost certainly lead to a subpoena for the tapes, and predicted that a refusal in the face of a subpoena could lead to the issuance of a contempt citation by the full House.

Not Full Cooperation

The two Representatives, Robert McClory of Illinois, the second-ranking Republican on the committee, and Robert W. Kastenmeier, a Liberal-Democrat from Wisconsin, made their remarks on the American Broadcasting Company program, "Issues and Answers." Mr. Kastenmeier contended that should the President be found in contempt of Congress by refusing to turn over the tapes, that in itself would be grounds for impeachment.

The committee will meet

Tuesday to consider making new efforts to get the tapes, which are thought to bear on Mr. Nixon's innocence or guilt in connection with the cover-up of the Watergate break-in on June 17, 1972 and other alleged illegal campaign activities.

The two Representatives asserted that Mr. Nixon was not giving the committee full cooperation. They said they still hoped to meet their deadline of April 30 for deciding whether to recommend impeachment.

The President has said repeatedly that he would cooperate with the House committee and the special Watergate prosecutor, Leon Jaworski.

On another program, Republican Senator Charles H. Percy of Illinois said he was "distressed" by Mr. Nixon's refusal to comply with Mr. Jaworski's full request for tapes and documents. Speaking on the Columbia Broadcasting System's program, "Face the Nation," the Senator said that the White House chief of staff, Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., had pledged that all tapes requested by Mr. Jaworski would be turned over.