

Ford's Newest Ideas On the Tapes Issue

Washington

Vice President Gerald R. Ford said yesterday the House Judiciary Committee should define an impeachable offense and give President Nixon a list of charges before the White House relinquishes any further Watergate-related evidence.

But he added that the chances of impeachment would be increased if there were "an irresponsible refusal" to provide the committee with evidence, such as White House defiance of a subpoena.

Ford said again that he saw no evidence of any presidential wrongdoing in connection with the Watergate scandal.

Ford's conditions for White House cooperation with the committee's impeachment inquiry are similar to those already outlined by James D. St. Clair, the President's chief defense lawyer, and which were rejected Wednesday by Democratic and Republican leaders of the committee.

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