

Report on Nixon Role

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House impeachment investigators will get their first glimpse today of what's inside the secret report on President Nixon prepared by the Watergate grand jury.

Since defense attorneys have decided not to appeal the issue to the Supreme Court, the grand jury's brown satchel is scheduled to be turned over to staff investigators from the House Judiciary Committee this morning.

John Doar and Albert Jenner, the majority and minority staff counsel for the impeachment investigation, are expected to receive the suitcase in the chambers of U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica, who ruled March 18 that the grand jury was entitled to give the report to the House committee.

His decision was upheld last Thursday by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and attorneys for Watergate defendants Gordon Strachan and H.R. (Bob) Haldeman decided not to take the issue any higher.

The secret papers, which the grand jury turned over to Judge Sirica March 1, include an index of Watergate events involving the President plus documents and testimony the grand jury feels is pertinent to the impeachment investigation.

While Doar and Jenner will be able to begin their analysis of the material immediately, it is not supposed to be made public for some time, if ever.

Under the rules of confidentiality adopted by the Judiciary Committee, most congressmen on the committee will not be able to inspect the report themselves until staff investigators complete their inquiry and report their findings to the full committee. Until then, only the chairman, Rep. Peter Rodino, and the ranking Republican, Rep. Edward Hutchinson, can look at the staff's confidential materials.

Meanwhile, Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski has given the White House

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four more days in which to respond to his subpoena for additional documents for one of the three grand jury investigations under his direction. The subpoena, which is believed to center on questionable campaign contributions, originally demanded a reply by 10 a.m. yesterday.

The special prosecutor's office said in a brief statement yesterday that Jaworski was extending the deadline until Friday at the request of the President's special counsel, James D. St. Clair.

St. Clair, the statement said, had asked for additional time "to consider" the subpoena. "In agreeing to the White House request," it added, "Mr. Jaworski re-emphasized the grand jury's need for the materials covered under the subpoena."

The extended deadline did not specify any particular hour on Friday when a White House response is expected. Thus, if the White House decides not to provide the subpoenaed materials, it is unlikely that any court action would be initiated before next week.

Last fall, when the President refused to provide nine tape recordings subpoenaed

by Archibald Cox, Jaworski's predecessor, Cox won a court order directing the White House to turn over the material. In the controversy that followed, Cox was fired but the President yielded on the issue of evidence and turned over the tapes.

This time, if the subpoena is rejected by the President, the Watergate prosecutors are prepared to seek grand jury authorization for a show-cause order, listing the materials sought from the White House and the reasons why they are needed for the investigation.

African Labor Aides Hit Portugal

Agence France-Presse

DAKAR, Senegal, March 24 —A week-long conference of labor ministers from 33 African states ended here last night with the adoption of 16 resolutions, including one calling for Portugal's expulsion from the International Labor Organization, Radio Conakry reported.

The radio said other resolutions concerned the loss of skilled labor from Africa, Afro-Arab cooperation, and the problem of African migrant workers in Europe and elsewhere.