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**White House
Gets Tapes
Subpoena**

Washington

A subpoena was served yesterday on President Nixon's chief lawyer for tapes and documents bearing on 64 presidential conversations for use in the September Watergate cover-up trial.

The subpoena was issued by U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica two days after it was requested by Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski, who complained he had tried unsuccessfully to obtain the White House materials for the coverup case since early last January.

Chief U.S. Marshal George McKinney personally served the four-paragraph subpoena on James St. Clair, head of the President's Watergate legal team, at St. Clair's office in the executive Office Building next door to the White House late yesterday.

Sirica gave Mr. Nixon two weeks — until 10 a.m. EDT

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May 2 — to respond. The White House said it would study Jaworski's demand but gave no hint how it would react.

The bulk of the subpoenaed materials relate to the period of March and April of last year, when the Watergate coverup began to unravel. Jaworski said the materials were essential to conduct of the coverup trial starting September 9.

Jaworski said the materials were necessary "either as evidence which the government would seek to offer in its case or which might be helpful to one or more of the defendants."

Seven former high White House or Nixon campaign officials have been indicted for plotting to hush up the bugging scandal.

The subpoena was the third issued at the request of the special prosecutor's office. The White House fought the first, last summer, until it lost before the U.S. Court of Appeals. It complied with a second last month without a fight.

Special court authorization was required for this subpoena because under court rules, a subpoena for materials needed for trial is answerable at the time the trial begins.

But Jaworski, anticipating a court battle, asked Sirica to authorize an early return date "for the purpose of preventing any postponement of the trial or delay during the conduct of the trial."

The material Jaworski seeks includes tape recordings, memoranda and other documents of 64 meetings or telephone conversations Mr.

Nixon had with his top aides between June 20, 1972 — just three days after the break-in at Democratic headquarters at the Watergate — and June 4, 1973.

All involved discussions with aides H.R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman, Charles

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Colson and John W. Dean III, now Mr. Nixon's chief accuser of complicity in the coverup plot.

Dean has already pleaded guilty to conspiracy to obstruct justice and is awaiting sentencing.

Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Colson were among seven men indicted March 1 on 13 counts of conspiracy, obstruction of justice, perjury and lying to the grand jury, government prosecutors or the FBI. Other defendants are former Attorney General John Mitchell, former Mitchell associate Robert Mardian, former Haldeman aide Gordon Strachan and Kenneth Wells Parkinson, a Nixon campaign committee lawyer.

All have pleaded not guilty. Wednesday, Colson joined Jaworski in moving to subpoena and Mardian filed a similar request shortly before Sirica issued his order.

The speculation was that Colson and Mardian joined in the subpoena request as a defense tactic laying the ground work to seek dismissal of their indictments should Mr. Nixon refuse to provide evidence necessary for their defense.

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