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**NIXON IS EXPECTED
TO ASK PUBLIC AID
IN TAPES DISPUTE**

**Indications Are He Will Give
House Panel Transcripts
but Not the Recordings**

NEW CONFLICT POSSIBLE

**Burch Says President Will
Yield 'Massive' Data, and
Truth Will Be Known**

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WASHINGTON, April 26—
President Nixon will reportedly
seek public support next week
for a decision to give the House
Judiciary Committee transcripts
rather than tape recordings of
Watergate-related conversations
subpoenaed for the impeachment
inquiry.

The apparent decision by Mr.
Nixon to withhold the tapes
themselves, which was suggest-
ed in a variety of comments and
developments today, could pro-
duce a new and major conflict
with the Judiciary Committee.

But the White House was
said to be preparing to counter
the committee's position that it
required the tapes by mount-
ing a new publicity campaign,
which may have begun already.

Dean Burch, counselor to the
President, told the Republican
National Committee in a lunch-
eon address today that Mr.
Nixon would turn over "a mas-

sive body of evidence" to the
committee.

The White House aide said
that the evidence would be
"substantial," "relevant," "com-
pelling and persuasive," and
that, "out of this factual rec-
ord, the whole story will emerge
and the whole truth become
known."

But Mr. Burch declined to tell
newsmen after the speech
whether Mr. Nixon would yield
the tapes of some 42 conversa-
tions demanded in the Judici-
ary Committee's subpoena.

No Decisions Yet

White House spokesmen re-
asserted today that no final
decisions had been made by
the President on the form or
content of his reply to the
subpoena, which is returnable
by 10 A.M. Tuesday.

Administration officials said
privately, however, that it was
likely Mr. Nixon would turn
over transcripts that his law-
yers had been preparing, with
"irrelevant" sections and
coarse or blasphemous lan-
guage deleted. One official said
that the principal point still
unsettled was the method the
White House might adopt to
assure the Judiciary Committee
of the accuracy and authentic-
ity of the transcripts.

The officials also said that
Mr. Nixon was considering
some form of public appeal for
acceptance of his position and
for reassertion of his innocence
of any wrongdoing. The possi-
bility of a nationwide televi-
sion address on Monday was
reportedly raised when Mr.
Nixon and his chief of staff,
Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr.,
cruised on the Potomac River
last night aboard the White
House yacht Sequoia.

The Judiciary Committee's
chairman, Representative Peter
W. Rodino Jr., Democrat of
New Jersey, has said several

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times in the last week that he
and the committee would em-
phatically reject transcripts
submitted instead of the tape
recordings.

The suggestions being made
at the White House today were
that Mr. Nixon would seek
public support for the "reason-
ableness" of an offer of trans-
cripts authenticated in some
way.

Presidential aides have sought
for some weeks to persuade
members of Congress and even
Vice President Ford of Mr.
Nixon's innocence in the Wa-
tergate case by offering them
opportunities to examine edit-
ed transcripts.

The Senate Republican lead-
er, Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania,
had access to such material
late last year and defended the
President publicly on the basis
of the materials that he had
seen. More recently, though,
Mr. Scott has supported the
House committee in its demand
for the taped evidence.

The House Republican leader,
Representative John J. Rhodes
of Arizona, met Wednesday
with Mr. Haig to urge again
that Mr. Nixon satisfy the Ju-
diary Committee with what-
ever material the President
yielded.

One associate of Mr. Rhodes
said that the Republican leader
had warned, in effect, that "it's
going to be a chilly ride to
Phoenix on May 3" unless the
President met the committee's
demands. The President is
scheduled to address a Repub-
lican meeting on the day in
Phoenix, which Mr. Rhodes rep-
resents in Congress.

Republicans on the Judiciary

Committee, expecting a deci-
sion by the White House to
withhold the tapes, sought this
week to devise a procedure for
the President's and the com-
mittee's lawyers to screen the
tapes jointly to verify that only
irrelevant or national security
matters had been excised.

Wiggins Drafts Plan

The Republican plan, drafted
by Representative Charles E.
Wiggins of California, specifies
that if evidence sought by the
committee "includes taped con-
versations, transcripts thereof
may be accepted in lieu of"
the tapes as long as the com-
mittee has an opportunity to
verify their accuracy.

Mr. Burch was said to be re-
lying on transcripts rather
than tapes in asking the Re-
publican National Committee to
"suspend judgment" of the
President and offering the fol-
lowing assurance:

"Early next week, when the
President responds to the com-
mittee subpoena, a massive
body of evidence will supplant
charges and allegations and in-
nuendo, and out of this factual
record the whole story will
emerge, and the whole truth
become known.

"The body of evidence will
be substantial. It will be rele-
vant. It will be compelling and
persuasive. I genuinely believe,
beginning early next week, that
the end of Watergate will be
in sight."

Meantime, a Democratic
member of the Judiciary Com-
mittee, John Conyers Jr. of
Michigan, angrily accused the
inquiry staff of usurping the
members' authority in deciding
not to pursue 15 of the 56
original allegations against the
President.