

President Works on Tape Reply

President Nixon was secluded at Camp David, Md., yesterday working on a response he must make by Tuesday to a subpoena by the House Judiciary Committee for tapes and documents of 42 White House conversations related to the Watergate scandal.

Spokesmen for Mr. Nixon refused to comment on reports that he will withhold the tapes, submit transcripts cleansed of claimed irrelevancies, blasphemies and profanities, and launch a campaign to win public support for this course of action.

Dean Burch, counselor to the President, in a talk to the Republican National Committee Friday said the President would give the Judiciary Committee "a massive body" of "relevant" evidence from which "the whole story will emerge." But Burch declined to tell newsmen whether the tapes would be included.

Later in the day, White House deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren refused to comment on Burch's statement about the "massive body" of evidence.

The President "is in the stage of finally reviewing the response" to the subpoena, Warren said. "No decisions have been made."

The President flew Friday afternoon to his retreat in the Catoctin Mountains. He was accompanied by Mrs. Nixon, daughter Tricia Cox and a White House secretary.