

Nixon May Talk About Tapes on

Washington

Informed White House sources said President Nixon will go on nationwide television tonight in an attempt to explain why he is only partially complying with a House Judiciary Committee subpoena.

These sources said that Mr. Nixon is prepared to hand over transcripts of his 42 telephone and face-to-face conversations asked for in a committee subpoena but not the tapes themselves.

However, it is not clear

whether the President will provide for some system of verification of the authenticity of the transcripts.

One proposal that has been under discussion at the White House is an invitation to committee Chairman Peter W. Rodino (Dem-N.J.) and ranking minority member Edward Hutchinson (Rep-Mich.) to listen to the tapes.

But the President's final decision on this and on other key issues in his response to the committee was undeter-

mined when he left for a weekend at Camp David, according to White House

sources. Mr. Nixon met at Camp David yesterday with chief of staff Alexander

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Haig and White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler before secluding himself to work on his television speech.

Officially, the White House position was that the President had reached no decision even whether to make the television speech, let alone on what he would say if he does make it.

The President has until 10 a.m. tomorrow to comply with the Judiciary Committee's subpoena. White House sources said that on or be-

fore this deadline the committee will receive transcripts of the 42 conversations and other unspecified material.

Publicly, the White House has been optimistic about the impact of the transcripts. White House counselor Dean Burch told the Republican National Committee on Friday that it means "that the end of Watergate will be in sight."

Privately, however, the White House is aware that substituting the transcripts

for the tapes will not satisfy either the Democratic members or an overwhelming majority of the Republicans on the Judiciary Committee. It is for this reason that some system of verification has been under discussion.

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