

Watergate Committee Rebuff

Washington

A federal appeals court yesterday ordered the Senate Watergate committee to try to get along without transcripts or copies of five White House tapes it has sought since last summer rather than pushing for the originals in court.

The seven-man U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia suggested that the committee could get what information it needs from transcripts made public by President Nixon this week or from copies of the tapes now in the possession of the House Judiciary Committee, which is considering Mr. Nixon's impeachment.

It asked the committee, headed by Senator Sam J. Ervin (Dem-N.C.), to file papers explaining why it has "a present sense of need" for the original tapes subpoenaed from the White House last July.

The Ervin committee sued Mr. Nixon to get the five tapes after he refused to surrender them under subpoena.

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