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**BAKER SAYS STAFF
IS STUDYING DATA**

**Transcripts Are Being Read
With an Eye for Perjury**

PHILADELPHIA, May 2 (AP) — Senator Howard H. Baker Jr., said today that the Senate Watergate committee staff had begun examining White House transcripts to determine if former Nixon Administration aides had perjured themselves before the committee last summer.

The Tennessee Republican said he had read about half the 1,300 pages of transcripts provided by the White House to the House Judiciary Committee and the public and he said "much of the testimony of John Dean has been corroborated."

Senator Baker, the ranking Republican on the Watergate Committee, said the White House transcripts had "created new lines of inquiry."

He refused to elaborate on the possibility of perjury by witnesses, saying, "I just can't tell."

He said any evidence of perjury would be given to the Justice Department for possible action.

Speaking at a news conference, Senator Baker said he asked Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., Democrat of North Carolina, chairman of the Watergate panel, to withhold release of the committee report.

Senator Baker said the House Judiciary Committee should be allowed to complete its impeachment investigation before the Ervin committee report was issued.

The report was to have been released in late February, but encountered a series of delays as special prosecutor Leon Jaworski asked the committee to

delay the report until he had obtained indictments.

Panel Loses Court Bid

WASHINGTON, May 2 (UPI)

— A Federal appeals court ordered the Senate Watergate committee today 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 United States 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 that is considering Mr. Nixon's impeachment.