

Ziegler

Denies 'Blitz'

Washington

Presidential spokesman Ronald L. Ziegler denied yesterday that the White House is conducting an anti-impeachment blitz, and said the whole story of Watergate is contained in the transcripts released last week.

Ziegler, a top adviser as well as press secretary to the President, urged that both the House Judiciary Committee and the public read "line by line" the transcripts of recorded presidential conversations with top aides.

In a rare meeting with reporters at the White House, Ziegler rejected a suggestion that television appearances Sunday by White House chief of staff Alexander M. Hair and James D. St. Clair, Mr. Nixon's chief Watergate lawyer, "was part of a PR (public relations) blitz" to boost the President and discredit former aide John W. Dean III.

"It's our effort to speak to the issue," Ziegler said, "and present the White House viewpoint. I think they did so."

"The scope and the entirety of the transcripts provided could lead any fair and open minded person to realize they have the whole story of Watergate."

Ziegler also said "from the standpoint of our political adversaries there is an excessive amount of heavy emphasis on the tone" of the transcripts.

The committee sent the President a letter last week saying the transcripts he submitted and made public



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'White House viewpoint'

did not comply with the committee's subpoena for 42 actual tape recordings. Meantime, still other tapes and documents have been requested.

The committee will begin later in the week a private examination of evidence gathered so far by its 140-member staff. In about two weeks, the inquiry will be thrown open to the public and to the television networks on a rotating basis.

In another development yesterday, Ziegler said some members of the White House staff had become reluctant to "put things down on paper" because of Watergate disclosures. "I don't think it has moved to the point where it is affecting decisions or is a serious situation," he said, but "I think that there is a possibility of serious erosion of the President and presidents in the future."

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