

# Nixon and TV Stations-- Waldie Tells of a Probe

## Washington

The House Judiciary Committee has begun an investigation to determine whether President Nixon tried to carry out his prediction of trouble for the Washington Post television stations, a committee member said yesterday.

Representative Jerome Waldie (Dem-Calif.) said the

committee staff already had begun an investigation to determine whether the President committed a possible impeachable offense in connection with the licenses of the Post's television stations in Florida.

Waldie said the staff investigation was begun before disclosure yesterday of a transcript made by the committee of a tape in which

Mr. Nixon declared that the Post would have "damnable, damnable problems" in connection with a station license renewal.

The remark was made on Sept. 15, 1972, at a time when the licenses of two stations owned by Post-Newsweek Stations, Inc., were coming up for renewal. Both licenses subsequently were challenged by Florida groups and the challenges still are pending.

Waldie said the President's comments raise the question of whether an impeachable offense was committed by using an agency of the federal government "to get at a private citizen." He said the inquiry should determine whether any attempt was made to use the Federal Communications Commission (which regulates television and radio licenses).

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