

# Public Might Get Impeach Evidence

Washington

The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee will propose next week that the panel make public most, and perhaps all, of the Watergate evidence it has been examining in closed impeachment hearings, well-placed congressional officials said yesterday.

According to the officials, chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr. (Dem-N.J.) told senior colleagues on the committee Thursday that he favors releasing the material as soon as possible.

The officials said Rodino will first seek clearance from the special Watergate prosecutor and officials of several other congressional committees that provided confidential materials to the impeachment inquiry.

There were the following related developments yesterday in the impeachment controversy:

- A spokesman for the Internal Revenue Service confirmed reports that the agency had refused to give the judiciary committee an audit of President Nixon income tax returns pending a Justice Department ruling on the legality of the disclosure.

- A Democratic member of the committee, John Conyers Jr. of Michigan, declared at a news conference that Mr. Nixon "may be continuing the coverup" of the Watergate scandal by withholding tape recordings and other evidence from the impeachment inquiry and the courts.

He said he will try again next week to have the President cited for contempt because of his noncompliance with the demands by the committee for tapes.

Conyers added that the committee may take the IRS to court if it fails to turn over the Nixon tax audits.

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