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WARNING TO NIXON REPORTED BY FORD

Vice President Asserts He
Cautioned on Tapes

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DANBURY, Conn., May 26— Vice President Ford said here today that he told President Nixon last Thursday the White House's refusal to provide relevant information to a House impeachment panel "could lead to an emotional institutional confrontation."

Asked about reported differences between him and the President on the issue of releasing further Watergate-related tapes and transcripts of White House conversations, Mr. Ford replied:

"This difference existed before the meeting. It was laid out quite candidly during the meeting, and I haven't backed off from it since."

Mr. Ford's comments, in answer to questions at a news conference here tonight, confirmed earlier reports that he and the President had discussed the White House decision not to supply any further information sought by the House Judiciary Committee, which is considering possible impeachment.

Mr. Ford said that he indicated to the President at that meeting that "there was no change in the position I had taken before and I have shown no indication that I would change it again."

'Different Opinion'

"Obviously he [the President] has a somewhat different opinion and I respect it," he added.

Mr. Ford said that he "wants the facts out in the open so that the House committee can act on the facts." He said that he felt that there "should be as much disclosure as possible."

The Vice President has said on several occasions that he has felt the right course for the White House to take would be to leave the door open for further requests if the committee finds such additional information necessary.

Asked if the President had expressed any unhappiness over the Ford stand, he replied:

"I saw no expression one way or the other."

While critical of White House's refusal to supply any further information, Mr. Ford said, "The White House door should not be open for all snoopers to go in there and ransack the place."

In response to other questions, he said that he was confident that President Nixon would obey any ruling of the Supreme Court.