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This afternoon the [House Judiciary] Committee subpoenaed 45 more White House tapes. The latest subpoena demands that the White House turn over to the Judiciary Committee conversations between Nixon and his top aides regarding the Watergate cover-up. The conversations took place on 20 different days between November 15, 1972, and June 4th, 1973.

Committee counsel John Doar told committee members that the new subpoena included a request for tapes and documents for a six-hour meeting on April 26th. At that meeting was President Nixon, H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, and, according to Doar, it was at this meeting that they discussed the March 21st tape. At that time it was reviewed and it was discussed.

Before the vote, committee chairman Peter Rodino asked Doar if this was the final request for material with respect to Watergate. Doar replied, (quote) "Yes, to my knowledge." Congressman Kastenmeier asked minority counsel Jenner how the staff knew the requested tapes existed. Jenner said that no one can be sure that they still exist.

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This new subpoena is the fourth issued by the Judiciary Committee since it began considering the possibility of impeaching President Nixon, and it now brings to 98 the number of tapes which the committee has subpoenaed. To date they have received only 19 of those tapes.

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