

Nixon Won't Yield Hoffa Documents

Washington

President Nixon claimed executive privilege in another case yesterday, refusing to turn over documents and records related to the conditional clemency granted former Teamsters President "James R. Hoffa.

In submitting a formal claim of privilege to the clerk of the U.S. District Court, Mr. Nixon said disclosure of the materials subpoenaed by Hoffa's lawyers "would be contrary to the public interest."

The President has claimed executive privilege in seeking to withhold evidence from the special Watergate prosecutor's office and the House Judiciary Committee.

U.S. District Judge John H. Pratt, who earlier this week ordered the White House to turn over documents in the Hoffa case, scheduled a hearing Monday on the government's motion to quash the Hoffa subpoena. (3 lines)

The former labor leader is seeking the White House records in his attempt to overturn the condition of his pardon that he not engage in union activities until 1980.

Hoffa, who hopes to recapture the presidency of the Teamsters, contends the ban was the result of a conspiracy between Mr. Nixon, Teamsters president Frank E. Fitzsimmons and former White House aide Charles W. Colson.

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