

# St. Clair Says Subpoena Filed By Ehrlichman Is Too Broad

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WASHINGTON, June 6 — The White House moved today to quash what it termed a "broad spectrum" subpoena for national security documents filed last week by John D. Ehrlichman, one of four defendants in the "plumbers" case.

In a motion filed before Judge Gerhard A. Gesell of United States District Court, James D. St. Clair, the President's Watergate counsel, argued that Mr. Ehrlichman's subpoena for 32 items had not demonstrated that they were "evidentiary and relevant."

Mr. Ehrlichman, responding to the court's decision to permit him to call for national security documents that could prove his innocence, called May 31 for seven top officials of the Government — including Alexander M. Haig Jr., the White House chief of staff, and Secretary of State Kissinger — to provide any information in their files relating to leaks of classified information and to Dr. Daniel Ellsberg.

Mr. Ehrlichman, former chief domestic adviser to the Presi-

dent, and three other defendants were indicted last March for conspiring to burglarize the office of Dr. Ellsberg's former psychiatrist in 1971. At the time, the men were associated with the White House special investigations unit, set up in 1971 by President Nixon to stop newspaper leaks. The group's first target was Dr. Ellsberg.

Under the procedure previously outlined by Judge Gesell, the judge will determine whether the documents subpoenaed by Mr. Ehrlichman could be relevant. If so, the White House would have to provide the materials or risk censure and possible dismissal of the case.

In his motion Mr. St. Clair did not specifically make a claim of Presidential privilege in connection with the documents, as he has in other matters, but said instead that, because of the broad nature of the subpoena, "it is not possible to identify or locate the items to the extent that they may exist."

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