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President Nixon's chief lawyer yesterday sent the House Judiciary Committee a long legal brief disputing allegations of presidential complicity in the Watergate coverup, but it was turned back unread by the impeachment panel's chairman.

Chairman Peter W. Rodino (Dem - N.J.) said afterward that he had refused to accept the material from White House attorney James St. Clair because it was "premature" and "entirely inappropriate."

St. Clair declined all comment on the developments and the contents of the document, which was said to run about 10,000 words and to represent the first formal White House response to the voluminous evidence which the committee has been considering since starting closed hearings May 9.

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