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St. Clair Will Appeal Tape Ruling

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President Nixon's lawyer, James D. St. Clair, said yesterday he will appeal a court ruling giving a Watergate grand jury part of a White House tape on which Mr. Nixon discussed using the Internal Revenue Service to retaliate against the administration's enemies.

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica said after reviewing the last 15 minutes of the Sept. 15, 1972, tape that it was "highly relevant" to the grand jury's investigation of the administration's use of the IRS for political purposes and he was therefore giving the tape to the grand jury.

In a one-sentence notice St. Clair said he will appeal Sirica's order to turn the tape over to the grand jury to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

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