

Sirica Asks Tape Panel Report

U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica yesterday asked the court's advisory panel of technical experts to prepare a report on how much additional work they need to perform on subpoenaed White House tape recordings and how much it will cost.

Judge Sirica said he did not

set a specific deadline for the report, but asked that it be completed soon.

The panel has issued a lengthy report on the June 20, 1972, tape and its 18½-minute gap. It still has access to five other White House tapes and a dictabelt of recollections of a presidential conversation.

The 30-minute meeting between Dr. Mark Weiss of the panel, the judge, Richard Hauser of the White House staff, and Karl Feldbaum of the special prosecutor's office was closed. However, after the meeting, Judge Sirica issued a statement on the subject of the meeting.