Court Delays Nixon Plea

Washington

The U.S. Supreme Court decided yesterday to hear legal arguments before ruling on President Nixon's request for disclosure of material that led a grand jury to name him an unindicted co-conspirator in the Watergate coverup.

In a brief order, the court said it will not rule until it has heard the arguments, scheduled for July 8, on a White House request that special prosecutor Leon Jaworski submit the grand jury evidence both to the White House and to the high court itself.

The court had previously agreed to rule on the authority of the grand jury to name the President, and on whether the White House must produce tapes and

records of 64 conversations between Mr. Nixon and his aides.

Presidential lawyer James D. St. Clair had meanwhile asked U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica, who will conduct the coverup trial, for exhibits "and any and all other matters" related to the grand jury's action in naming the President. Grand jury records normally are kept secret.

When Sirica denied the re-

quest, St. Clair went directly to the Supreme Court.

He claimed that grand jury materials submitted to the House Judiciary Committee indicate the grand jury was acting outside its authority.

The court had been scheduled to recess for the summer on June 17, but now will remain to hear the arguments July 8 and hand down an opinion some time later.

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By a 57 to 36 per cent majority, Americans favor televising impeachment proceedings in the House of Representatives, the Harris Survey reported yesterday.

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