

New 'Editing Job' By White House

Washington

A new instance of heavy editing of White House material requested by the House Judiciary Committee was disclosed by the committee yesterday.

Both the White House and the special prosecutor's office sent to the impeachment investigators copies of former presidential aide John D. Ehrlichman's handwritten notes of meetings and conversations involving President Nixon from June, 1971, to April, 1973.

But the White House version is only half as thick as the notes provided by the

special prosecutor.

Representative Don Edwards (Dem-Calif.), a member of the committee, said White House lawyers had asked the prosecutor's office to return Ehrlichman's notes for review before forwarding them to the committee in partial response to the fourth subpoena for presidential materials.

Apparently the prosecutors made a "mistake" and sent the material directly to the committee, Edwards said, and called the White House version "another editing job."

"Apparently we lucked out," he told reporters. He

said "dozens and dozens of pages were blanked out" in the White House version which covered the identical time period as the paper's delivered from the prosecutor.

Representative George Danielson (Dem-Calif.) told reporters the special prosecutor's version numbered about 1380 handwritten lines while the White House version included only 600.

Members said a quick comparison of the two versions indicated that the material deleted by the White House was "relevant" to the inquiry.

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