

Jaworski Asks Court to Set a 10-Day Motion Seeks to Avert Delay in Cover-Up Trial

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WASHINGTON, July 25 — Leon Jaworski special Watergate prosecutor, asked Federal District Judge John J. Sirica today to order that President Nixon turn over the tapes of the 64 Watergate-related conversations, in installments, within 10 days.

In a motion submitted to the judge this morning, Mr. Jaworski said that failure to comply with his schedule—which calls for the first installment of “original tapes” of 20 of the conversations to be handed over by Saturday—would delay the start of the Watergate cover-up trial, now scheduled to open Sept. 9.

It was for possible use in this trial that Mr. Jaworski, in April, requested the tapes and set into motion the series of legal maneuvers that culminated in the 8-0 ruling yesterday by which the Supreme Court ordered Mr. Nixon to comply with the request.

A hearing on the motion was scheduled for tomorrow morning.

James D. St. Clair, Mr. Nixon's attorney, said in announcing Mr. Nixon's compliance with the Supreme Court ruling, “the time-consuming process of reviewing the tapes and the preparation of the index and analysis required by Judge Sirica's order will begin forthwith.”

As to this afternoon, however, a spokesman for Mr. St. Clair said that a start on “working out the details” would be made after the hearing tomorrow. The tapes are now housed in a “vault” in the Executive Office Building, under Secret Service guard, he said.

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Among the unresolved questions, he said, is whether the White House, required to submit “originals” of all the subpoenaed materials, will turn over to Judge Sirica the entire hours-long reels of tape of which a conversation may be only a brief part, or whether that conversation alone will be submitted.

The order by Judge Sirica that was upheld yesterday requires delivery to the court of “the originals of all subpoenaed items together with an index and analysis and copy tape recording.”

The tape copy was defined as “containing only those portions of conversations since

“transcribed and made public,” and the judge said that “adequate time will be allowed for preparation of an index and analysis detailing particular claims of privilege the President wishes to make.”

The Supreme Court, while rejecting the President's claim of over-all privilege, or the right to maintain the confidentiality of all his conversations, did stress that it is “in the public interest to afford Presidential confidentiality the greatest protection consistent with the fair administration of justice,” even in “idle conversations.”

Of the 64 conversations, Mr. Jaworski noted that 20 have already been made public in the form of edited transcripts released by the White House. “Moreover,” he added, “the President apparently has reviewed at least 13 additional subpoenaed conversations.”

Mr. Jaworski asked that the “original tapes” of these first 20 conversations be delivered to the court within two days, that tapes of 21 additional specified conversations be delivered within six days and the remainder within 10 days.

Talks Followed Burglary

The conversations took place between June 20, 1972, three days after the Watergate break-in, and June 4, 1973, and include a number of crucial telephone calls and White House meetings.

Among them are two meetings between the President and his former chief of staff, H. R. Haldeman, on March 20, 1973, the day before Mr. Nixon, by his own contention, learned of the cover-up. John D. Ehrlichman, Mr. Nixon's chief domestic adviser, was at one of the meetings for part of the time.

Also subpoenaed is the tape of a 14-minute telephone conversation between Mr. Nixon and John W. Dean 3d that same evening.

Also called for are the tapes of more than 20 telephone and face-to-face conversations between Mr. Nixon, Mr. Haldeman and Mr. Ehrlichman between April 14 and April 23, 1973, after it was learned that Mr. Dean had decided to cooperate with the Watergate investigation.

A White House spokesman said that Mr. St. Clair was returning today from San Clemente, Calif., where Mr. Nixon is on vacation, and would appear at tomorrow's hearing.

Deadline for White House to Yield Tapes

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