

# More Nixon Tapes Taken to Court

Washington

Hewing precisely to a court-set schedule, President Nixon yesterday surrendered another batch of his subpoenaed Watergate tapes to a federal judge and sent word he would turn over the rest next week.

But at the same time, Mr. Nixon filed fresh claims of executive privilege and national security, seeking to keep secret many of the notes taken by his aides during conversations recorded on the tapes.

As the President was in his office across the street from the White House listening to more recordings, he sent two lawyers to U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica's court with originals and copies of 13 more tapes he has already reviewed.

The delivery brought to 33 the number of tapes Mr. Nixon has surrendered to Sirica in compliance with last week's Supreme Court order that he turn over all 64 tapes subpoenaed for use as evidence at the Watergate coverup trial of six former key Nixon aides scheduled to begin September 9.

"We intend to tender the balance to the court by midweek next week," Richard Hauser, a member of Mr. Nixon's legal team, told Sirica.

But Sirica was unhappy when White House lawyers had no ready answers for prosecutors, who wanted to know if files were being searched for any presidential notes on the taped meetings, if complete transcripts were available, or whether any tapes contained "gaps, silence or other sounds" to mar them.

"It seems to me — and I'm not criticizing the President or anyone else — there is a lot of time when these things could have been done," Sirica said sternly. "You people at the White House know where these things are."

He said chief presidential lawyer James D. St. Clair should "see to it" there are answers for those questions by Wednesday afternoon.

The delivery of 20 tapes Tuesday and the 13 yesterday were in exact accordance with Sirica's instructions. The judge will listen to them all and decide which may be relevant as evidence at trial.

He also will rule on all presidential claims of executive privilege. Mr. Nixon has filed 23 such claims totalling



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A Secret Service agent arrived with 13 more Watergate tapes for U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica

48 minutes for portions of the initial 20 tapes. Hauser said he hopes analyses of the rest of the tapes — presumably including more privilege claims — will be ready by Friday.

Yesterday's delivery included tapes of five conversations Mr. Nixon had with top aides H. R. Haldeman and Charles W. Colson in the week following the June 17, 1972, Watergate bugging arrests, and eight more with Colson, Haldeman and John D. Erlichman in the spring of 1973 as the coverup began

unraveling.

It was revealed that the White House had delivered to Sirica Thursday evening notes all three men took during their conversations with Mr. Nixon.

Accompanying the notes was an index and analysis claiming executive privilege for parts or all of more than half the notes on grounds they are "not related to the subject matter before the court." Two also claimed national security was involved.

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