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Listeners included (from right) Edward Boland (Dem-Mass.), Jack Edwards (Rep-Ala.), William Steiger (Rep-Wis.), David Obey (Dem-Wis.)

Congressmen Hear The Evidence

Washington

The White House tapes began a week-long run in the House yesterday to give members a chance to hear them before voting on impeachment of President Nixon.

In four rooms rigged with sound equipment and a total of 204 headsets, 19 tapes of Mr. Nixon's conversations with various White House aides are being played from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Members emerging from the first presentation of four Watergate tapes yesterday reacted generally along party lines, with Republicans noncommittal and Democrats reporting their suspicions of Mr. Nixon's involvement in the Watergate coverup confirmed.

Besides listening to the tapes, the members are reading in the 18 volumes of evidence released by the committee, on which it based the three articles of impeachment it has approved.

By the end of the week the committee hopes to release a report that will present detailed information in support of three articles, on which the House is scheduled to begin debate August 19.

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