

9 Nixon Talks 'Not Recorded'

Washington

President Nixon, under court order to turn over the balance of his subpoenaed Watergate tapes, sent word through his lawyers yesterday that nearly one-third of those conversations apparently were not recorded.

White House lawyers handed over to U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica tapes of 22 conversations, thus fulfilling a Supreme Court order of July 24 that Mr. Nixon must supply evidence sought for the Watergate coverup trial of six former associates.

Chief Nixon Defense Counsel James D. St. Clair told Sirica that nine other tapes could not be found, apparently because they were never recorded.

St. Clair said five of the conversations apparently took place on telephones in the residence portion of the White House not plugged into the taping system. He said two others took place at Camp David and were not recorded and two others at the White House simply could not be found.

Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski has subpoenaed tapes of 64 of Mr. Nixon's conversations. The President, after a long losing battle to keep them secret gave Sirica 33 of them last week. The balance had been due yesterday.

After the 33 tapes were delivered to Sirica last week, White House lawyers claimed portions of them totaling nearly six hours

should be kept secret on grounds of executive privilege or national security.

No such claims accompanied yesterday's delivery, though St. Clair said the claims would be submitted today.

Sirica will listen to all of the tapes and decide which may be relevant for the coverup trial due to start September 9. He also will rule on Mr. Nixon's claims of privilege.

The conversations that St. Clair said were not taped:

- A Nov. 15, 1972 meeting between Mr. Nixon, H. R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman and John W. Dean III at Camp David.

- Telephone conversations with Haldeman on April 16, 1973, and April 18, 1973.

- Two telephone calls to Ehrlichman on April 16, 1973 and another on April 19, 1973.

- A meeting with Haldeman and Ehrlichman at Camp David on April 18, 1973.

St. Clair also said they could not find any record of a meeting or a telephone call involving Mr. Nixon and Charles W. Colson at which bugging conspirator E. Howard Hunt was discussed sometime in late January, 1973, nor a meeting about Feb. 20, 1973 when Mr. Nixon and Haldeman allegedly discussed Jeb Stuart Magruder.

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