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Negotiations
Over Nixon
Subpoena

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U.S. Marshal Gaylord Campbell said he is negotiating with former President Nixon's attorneys over "the exact time and place of service" of a two-week-old subpoena requiring Mr. Nixon to testify at the Washington trial of former presidential aides.

Campbell would not say why there was a delay in the service of the subpoena, except to issue a statement saying that because of "the special circumstances" he was making arrangements for the time and place of service. Campbell would not describe what he meant by "special circumstances."

The subpoena, issued in Judge John Sirica's courtroom August 15, demands Mr. Nixon's appearance at the conspiracy and obstruction of justice trial of former presidential aides John D. Ehrlichman, H. R. Haldeman, and three others. The trial begins September 30.

Mr. Nixon is being called as a defense witness by Ehrlichman.

Campbell, who was appointed to his present post by Mr. Nixon in 1969, says the subpoena arrived by regular mail at his downtown Los Angeles office August 17. Campbell said at the time he would "serve it immediately" on the former president who has been living at his San Clemente estate since resigning from office August 9.

No effort has been made to serve the subpoena, Campbell said, adding that "no announcements will be made until after the subpoena has been served."

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