

CIA Inquiry Subpoenas Nixon Tapes

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The Senate intelligence committee issued two subpoenas yesterday demanding that White House aides turn over the papers and tapes of former President Nixon on [CIA] covert action on Chile and on domestic surveillance.

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The White House has refused two committee written requests for the materials.... "We hope the White House will respond to the subpoenas," said Church, "and it will not be necessary to go to court, but the committee is prepared to take that step."

At the White House, an aide to Buchen, attorney Barry Roth ... said the Justice Department has advised Buchen not to release the documents without court permission and Nixon's lawyer, Herbert J. Miller, has threatened to seek a contempt citation against Buchen if he does.

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Church made an added announcement about Nixon yesterday - that [he] has declined to appear voluntarily before the committee for questioning. At present, Church said, the committee is not inclined to press the matter.

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The subpoenas also ask for materials surrounding development of the so-called Huston Plan in the summer of 1970, a scheme to increase government spying on domestic dissidents.

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