

Carroll indicated that the only thing the defense might be permitted to do is to direct future questions at the material witness, Jose Rene Argueta, who was involved in the activities Cruz lied about.

However, before closing the matter, defense attorneys asked Carroll to order the government to turn over whatever additional information that it might have concerning its involvement in the cover-up. James Brosnahan, counsel for Maria de Socorro Aguilar, told the Judge "We probably only know about 25% of what happened with Mr. Argueta, and Mr. Cruz, Mr. Rayburn, and the other governmental representatives," and added, "we are going to get that other 75% and we are going to come back and when we have it, we will bring this motion again."

Later in the day, Carroll also ruled that no testimony would be heard from Argueta until after the government produces the additional information.

In a noon press conference, the defendants voiced their dismay at the ruling. Rev. John Fife, told reporters that "if Judge Carroll had been the one presiding over the Watergate hearings, the American people today would still not know that they had been lied to by Richard Nixon."

The defendants added that the ruling clearly identified Carroll as a part of the government's effort to conceal the truth in the case. They went on to emphasize that though Cruz' perjury is an important issue, the fact that Judge Carroll is now openly acting in complicity with such injustice is far more significant.

Sister Darlene Nicgorski pointed out that Judge Carroll had delivered firmer reprimands to defendants for chewing gum or laughing than he had doled out to the government for the perjury incident.

Shortly after making the ruling, Judge Carroll recessed proceedings until Tuesday morning due to the illness of one of the jury members, and indicated that in the future he would try to hold court from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm.