If Any Person Is Indicted Policy Will Be Suspend Him sistant Attorney General

the Watergate affair: ment yesterday concerning President Nixon's announce-Following is the text of

bers of the press corps. shall read both of the antheir technical nature, ments to make. Because of nouncements to the memhave two announce-

committee. the Senate select committee, better known as the Ervin White House people before relates to the appearance of The first announcement

their counsel have been in contact with White House out suppressing the fact. separation of powers withment. They have been talkwhich would ing about ground rules ichman and Leonard Garrepresentatives John Ervin and Sen. Baker and For several weeks, Sen preserve the Ehrl-

executive session, if approground rules as adopted towhich is satisfactory to both in the first instance, be in They provide that the apof separation of tally preserve the doctrine I believe now an agreenas The been reached committee powers

lege is expressly reserved Second, executive privi-

> tioning as to any questions.
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> Now, much has been made and may be asserted dur-ing the course of the ques-

evised, To me, this has never been a central issue, especially if the separation of powers problem is otherof the issue as to whether wise solved, as I now think the proceedings could be tel-

House staff will appear volwill answer fully all proper untarily when requested by testify under oath and they the committee. All members of the White They will

covers this hearing only in rangement, of course, would this arrangement is one that ered on its merits. not apply to other hearings. charged. This kind of arwhich wrongdoing has been Each of them will be consid-I should point out that

concerns the Watergate case My second announcement

whole matter. new inquiries ported, I began intensive of which were publicly recame to my attention, some of serious charges which On March 21, as a result into this

the Attorney General, Last Sunday afternoon,

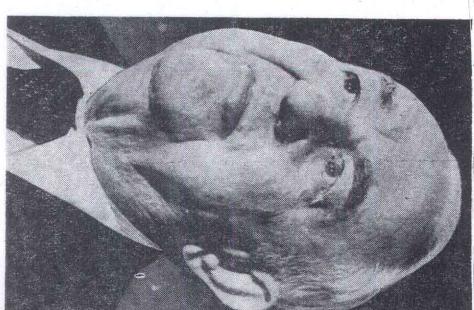
> (Executive Office Building) to review the facts which Petersen and I length in th ment of Justice invesitgathe progress of the Depart. tigation and also to review had come to me in my inves-I can report today that the met at le EOB

in finding the truth. cerning which it would be real progress has been made cific now, except to say that improper to be more spevelopments in the case conthere have been major de-

will, of course, be automatically discharged. him. If he is convicted, he utive branch or in the govgrand jury, my policy will ernment is indicted by the be to immediately suspend If any person in the exec-

nity from prosecution. ent, a position of major iming, in the past or at prestion should be given immuviews that no individual holdportance in the administra appropriate authorities my I have expressed to the

and I shall aid it in all apmoving ahead as it should propriate ways and have so The judical process is



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Sen. Sam J. Ervine will chair the Watergate hearings.

ment employes and espe-cially White House staff em-As I have said before and I have said throughout this entire matter, all govern-

cover up in this case, no matter who is involved I condemn any attempts to to cooperate in this matter. ployees are expected fully