Weinberger, Clarridge might testify

WASHINGTON (AP) - Iran-Contra prosecutor Lawrence Walsh is considering calling Caspar Weinberger before a federal grand jury to testify about others in the scandal, including President Bush, according to sources close to the

investigation.

Mr. Walsh said Monday that he would return shortly to Washington, but refused to say what his plans are. Yet the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that he is likely to call former Defense Secretary Weinberger and ex-CIA official Duane Clarridge as witnesses before a grand jury here.

Both men received Christmas Eve pardons from Mr. Bush for their conduct in arms-for-hostages deal.

Before the pardon, neither man was called as a witness because they were being investigated by the grand jury. They eventually were indicted and were awaiting trial when they

were pardoned.

"There's nothing more that I can tell him, and this is just a form of harassment," Mr. Weinberger said of the prospect of being called before a grand jury. But, in an interview on CNN's "Inside Politics," he added that it doesn't surprise him "because otherwise Lawrence Walsh is out of business."

Mr. Bush also pardoned four other Iran-Contra figures and has since beel accused by critics of trying to hide his own role in the Reagan administration's secret arms-for-hostages deal.

Mr. Walsh's spokeswoman, Mary Belcher, said she "will not comment on any speculative grand jury

action."

Mr. Clarridge has never appeared before Mr. Walsh's prosecutors and "I wouldn't be surprised" if the former CIA official is called to testify, said William McDaniel, Mr. Clarridge's lawyer

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Mr. Weinberger lawyer Robert
Bennett said his client "has given all
the information there is to give" to
Congress and Mr. Walsh's investi-

gators.