

Watergate *F-Pool* Prosecutors *6/30/73* Resign

WASHINGTON (AP) — The three assistant U.S. attorneys who had been assigned to the Watergate investigation since the break-in at Democratic headquarters resigned from the case Friday.

Earl J. Silbert, Seymour Glanzer and Donald E. Campbell quit after conferring for more than two hours with special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox.

The three federal lawyers led the prosecution of the original seven Watergate defendants, but have since come under criticism from allegedly not pursuing leads that some persons believe could have disclosed wider involvement in the June 17, 1972 break-in. The original defendants were convicted.

At January's Watergate trial, Silbert described defendant G. Gordon Liddy as "the boss...the man in charge, the money man, the supervisor, the organizer, the administrator" of the break-in and wiretapping.

But, since then, a variety of former White House aides and officials of President Nixon's re-election committee have been linked in testimony to the break-in and subsequent cover-up.

Jeb Stuart Magruder, former deputy campaign chief, has testified that former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell approved the break-in. Mitchell headed Nixon's campaign until a month after the break-in. Liddy was counsel for the campaign's finance committee.