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Cox Gives Advice

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—The strength and number of persons on the White House staff should be reduced as a safeguard against abuses of Power, former Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox said yesterday.

Despite such abuses, however, the President's strength should not be curtailed, Cox said at Harvard University. He said a legislative body such as Congress is not as suited as President to take decisive action.

Cox, speaking to the Associated Harvard Alumni after receiving an honorary degree at Harvard's commencement, said that under Nixon great power passed to aides who were not subject either to popular election or senate confirmation, but who "began to expect and obtain unquestioning obedience even from Cabinet members denied access to the President."

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