

Jaworski Says Juries Ready to Act

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Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski said yesterday that the Watergate grand juries have already received enough evidence to begin considering major indictments this month and in February.

In an 8-page year-end report, the prosecutor also noted that eight corporations and 12 persons have pleaded guilty to charges growing out of the various investigations conducted by his office. The list did not include the seven men convicted early last year in the June 17, 1972, break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate office building.

Jaworski's statement, which contained no elaboration, said:

"Although investigations in various areas within the special prosecutor's jurisdiction are continuing, including the review of White House files, the presentation of evidence to the grand juries has progressed to the point that in January and February these bodies will be prepared to consider the matter of returning indictments in a substantial number of major involvements."

Jaworski's 80-member prosecution force is probing such matters as the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. anti-trust settlement, illegal political contributions, and "dirty tricks" during the 1972 campaign besides the original Watergate break-in case and its subsequent cover-up.

The eight corporations that have pleaded guilty to charges of making illegal contributions are Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., American Airlines, Braniff Airways, Gulf Oil Corp., Ashland Petroleum Gabon, Inc., Phillips Petroleum Co. and Carnation Co. Seven company officers also pleaded guilty (no executive of American Airlines was charged).

The other five individuals whom Jaworski listed as pleading guilty and the charges against them are Frederick C. LaRue, former White House special consultant, conspiracy to obstruct justice; Jeb Stuart Magruder, former White House deputy communications director and deputy campaign director for President Nixon, conspiracy to obstruct justice and defraud the United States; Donald Segretti, a California lawyer, distributing illegal campaign literature; Egil (Bud) Krogh Jr., former White House "plumbers" director, conspiracy in the 1971 break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist, and John W. Dean III, former White House counsel, conspiracy to obstruct justice and defraud the United States.