

# End to Watergate Probe Eyed

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The Watergate special prosecutor's office hopes to close up shop by Sept. 30, but still has several investigations going that could lead to further indictments, it was learned yesterday.

Special Prosecutor Henry S. Ruth Jr. has set the autumn date for concluding the work of the office, which he has headed since the resignation of Leon Jaworski last October.

The third special Watergate grand jury is scheduled to disband July 7, but officials said any remaining cases after that date may be turned over to one of the other grand juries sitting in Washington.

Among the areas still be-

lieved to be under investigation are the 18-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings, the activities of Charles G. (Bebe) Rebozo, a close friend of former President Nixon, and several campaign contribution cases.

Without forecasting the number of possible indictments to come, officials said there are "four or five major" investigations still to be completed.

Ruth's office also is required to file a brief on the appeal of the convictions of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H. R. Haldeman

and John D. Ehrlichman earlier this year.

The special prosecutor also plans to give Congress a final report on the office's activities, but that report is not expected to include any fresh evidence or charges. Ruth is reported to believe that any presentation of evidence in that report would exceed his congressional mandate and violate the rights of those who might be mentioned.

Ruth has had preliminary discussions with Attorney General Edward H. Levi about transferring responsibility for any other remaining Watergate matters to the Justice De-

partment. But he is understood to believe that the major cases can be disposed of before Sept. 30.