

# Watergate Prosecutor

## Weights Post

Watergate Special Prosecu-  
tor Henry S. Ruth Jr. has been  
offered a post as head of an  
expanded criminal justice sec-  
tion in the Urban Institute in  
Washington, but has not yet  
decided whether he will ac-  
cept the post.

A spokesman for the special  
prosecutor's office confirmed  
yesterday that Ruth had been  
approached by the Urban In-  
stitute, a non-governmental,  
non-profit research organiza-  
tion dealing with the problems  
of American metropolitan  
areas.

However, the spokesman  
said, "He definitely has not ac-  
cepted, and he doesn't know  
whether he will or not."

Ruth, who succeeded Leon  
Jaworski as special prosecutor  
last October, is on record as  
wanting to phase out his office  
sometime this fall after com-  
pletion of a final report on its  
investigations, as the regula-  
tion creating the office per-  
mits him to do.

He repeated this recommen-  
dation most recently on July  
31 in testimony before the  
Senate Government Opera-  
tions Committee. He told the  
committee that a permanent  
independent prosecutor, free  
of restraints, might create  
more abuses of power than  
remedies.

This stance has placed him  
at odds with Attorney General  
Edward H. Levi, who has said  
publicly that he believes the  
special prosecutor's office  
should be kept functioning.  
Levi and Ruth tentatively plan  
to discuss within the next few  
days the question of Ruth's re-  
maining in office, but sources  
in the prosecutor's office say  
that Ruth remains determined  
to leave, probably by the end  
of September.