

# White House May Halt Evidence Flow

White House special counsel James D. St. Clair voiced growing reservations yesterday about continuing to supply Watergate prosecutors with evidence from President Nixon's files.

St. Clair said he was "hopeful we can continue to cooperate" with Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski, but, he said, "There has to come an end at some point."

President Nixon said in his State of the Union message Wednesday that he felt he had already provided Jaworski "all the material that he needs to conclude his investigations and to proceed to prosecute the guilty and clear the innocent."

Jaworski, however, said recently that he was still waiting for some White House documents and tapes that he had requested and that he expected to need still more.

In addition, a federal grand jury investigation into the 18½ minutes of erasure on one of Mr. Nixon's subpoenaed Watergate tapes was launched only last week.

Jaworski has said that the White House "never once volunteered anything" in terms of evidence, but that he has not been refused anything since mid-December, when he

threatened to subpoena specific files.

St. Clair, who was appointed Mr. Nixon's chief Watergate defense lawyer in January, stopped short yesterday of

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saying that the White House plans to cut off the flow.

"I wouldn't want to make that suggestion right now explicitly," he told reporters outside the U.S. Courthouse here.