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Special prosecutor's office - Attorney General Edward H. Levi says in intv that he will ask the special prosecutor to keep his office in operation until the appeals from several of its cases are settled, and to stay on or to propose that another special prosecutor be appointed to continue the office's operation. Levi's estimate is that the various appeals may take two years to settle.

He is "terribly concerned" about Ruth's proposal to close the special prosecutor's office next month and turn over open cases to the Department of Justice, says it "wouldn't be a catastrophe" if the department handled the appeals but that he would prefer to have the special prosecutor see them through. (WXP 17 Jul 75 says the office is to be "terminated" in Sep.)

Levi opposes proposals which would create a permanent special prosecutor to handle political cases because he is trying to establish the nonpartisan nature of the Justice Department and would "hate to have it sort of certified that that kind of a department can't be trusted to bring cases against government people."

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Nixon pardon - "[Attorney General Levi] said he agreed with President Ford's decision last fall to pardon [Nixon]. He said that from a 'political science' standpoint, it saved the country the trauma of watching a former President dragged through the criminal legal process." (This is from same intv mentioned in entry, Special Prosecutor's office.)

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Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi - See entries, Special prosecutor's office; Nixon pardon.