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Anderson to Quit
Quoting Grand Jury

Washington

Columnist Jack Anderson agreed yesterday at a meeting with United States attorneys that he will no longer quote secret grand jury testimony on the Watergate in his nationally syndicated columns.

Anderson said he will return copies of the transcripts to chief U.S. District judge John Sirica today because of complaints the stories might hinder the Government's investigation of the Watergate bugging. At a 1-hour, 45-minute meeting with the Government's chief Watergate prosecutors, Anderson said he was told they "were having trouble getting witnesses to testify

because the witnesses said they were afraid anything they said could end up in my columns."

Anderson said, "We are working for the same purposes, to get to the bottom of Watergate," and that he volunteered to meet with U.S. attorneys because of incorrect assertions that the prosecutors were the source of the leaks.

"I have assured them the leaks were not in the prosecutor's office," Anderson told reporters.

A Federal grand jury was ordered earlier this week to begin an investigation of leaks of testimony by witnesses connected with the Watergate affair.

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