

2 Jobs for Ruckelshaus?

WASHINGTON — (AP) — William Ruckelshaus agreed to take emergency temporary command of the FBI without knowing whether it would force him to give up his post as chief of the Environmental Protection Agency, according to his personal spokesman, Jack Conmy.

White House spokesmen left the impression that he would have to leave EPA, but Ruckelshaus quickly sought his own legal advice, and a reliable source said his resignation may not be a legal requirement.

Ruckelshaus told newsmen he would take the FBI as-

signment only until a permanent FBI director — not himself — is chosen. He estimated this would take no longer than two months.

Deputy EPA Director Robert Fri is expected to be in command in the interim.

Fri said in an interview he assumed Ruckelshaus was leaving the EPA administrator's office only temporarily, but that the point was not specifically settled.

Fri said he spoke briefly with Ruckelshaus and found him "obviously surprised at the whole thing, and still trying to sort out the implications."