City Investigation Deputy

David M. Dorsen has resigned as first deputy commissioner in the city's Investigation Department to serve as assistant chief counsel to the Senate committee investigating the Watergate affair.

Mr. Dorsen, a 37-year-old graduate of Harvard College and its Law School, served as an assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1964 to 1969, when he joined the city department.

Mr. Dorsen's resignation became known yesterday when Investigation Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta announced that Stanley N. Lupkin had been promoted from deputy commissioner to Mr. Dorsen's post.