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Special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox has subpoenaed a New York free-lance writer to appear before a federal grand jury concerning conversations he had with convicted Watergate conspirator Frank Sturgis.

The writer, Andrew St. George, said he talked to Sturgis in connection with possible stories about the Watergate scandal. The subpoena ordered St. George "to bring with you all notes of conversations between yourself and Frank Sturgis between June 17, 1972, and the present date."

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