

Sharing of authority to fire prosecutor seen

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WASHINGTON — Republican sources say President Nixon is considering sharing with a select group of Congressmen the authority to fire a new special prosecutor for the Watergate scandal.

According to these sources, the President could reveal his plan next week when acting Attorney General Robert Bork announces the name of the man to replace Archibald Cox.

"It still hasn't been worked out," a GOP source said. "But it would give a group of Congressmen a veto over a Nixon decision to fire the special prosecutor."

"The group that would have this veto could be from the House and Senate Judiciary Committees or a bi-

partisan group from the leadership."

Such a plan by Nixon might allay suspicious in Congress and the Justice Department over the President's latest pledge for "total cooperation" in the 16 month old Watergate investigation.

"These promises aren't worth the paper they're written on until they are tested," said one Justice Department official.

Although Bork already has decided on a new special prosecutor, his selection is subject to approval by Nixon, a Justice official said.

Bork has said that he wants the new prosecutor to have the identical authority Cox had — including the right to fight in court for evidence hidden in the White House.