

Cox's Charge of Nixon 'Obstacles'

Washington

Archibald Cox said yesterday that President Nixon told him to "keep the hell out of" the probe of the burglary of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist and that the White House denied him files on the milk industry's campaign contributions.

The fired Watergate prosecutor told 1500 persons at the New York City Bar Association that obstacles were put in his path whenever he sought information that might lead to areas other than the specific burglary of the Democratic headquarters.

When he asked former Attorney General Elliot Richardson for the file on the milk industry case, he said Richardson agreed and said he could call the White House and tell them he was letting Cox have the files.

The next day, Cox said, Richardson informed him that the President's lawyers had said Cox was not to see the milk file.

"When the milk industry gave \$1½ million to \$2 million in contributions, and then milk price supports are raised, it kind of makes you wonder," Cox said.

The order to stop his investigation of the break-in at the office of Ellsberg's psychiatrist came from the President, Cox said.

"The President said, 'Keep the hell out of that,'" Cox said. "Even though the same men were involved (as in Watergate)."

Cox also raised the question of whether the motive for the burglary of the psychiatrist's office "was to destroy Ellsberg's reputation" rather than to protect national security.

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