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Doar Doubts Need to Link

Criminal Actions to Nixon

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—John M. Doar, the special House investigator, said today that it might not be necessary to show that President Nixon had committed criminal offenses as a prerequisite to impeaching him.

Mr. Doar, appearing on the National Broadcasting Company's "Today" television show, said he had not made up his mind whether it would be necessary to show that Mr. Nixon had committed criminal acts, but added, "A considerable body of (legal authority) says it does not have to be a criminal offense."

An impeachment proceeding, he said, is not a criminal trial although "many of the elements of fairness" of a trial must have a place in impeachment "and the Judiciary Committee will see that they do have a place."