

12 More Key Indictments Are Foreseen by Jaworski

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WASHINGTON, March 5—The special Watergate prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, plans at least a dozen more major indictments, according to a letter sent to Chief Judge John J. Sirica two months ago.

In addition, the special prosecutor told the judge, there will be a number of other guilty pleas by figures in the investigation.

Mr. Jaworski's plans were contained in an assessment made at the turn of the year at the request of the chief judge so that he could plan to handle the 1974 work load in United States District Court here.

The assessment was in turn passed on by Judge Sirica to the other 14 judges on the Federal District bench here as part of a six-page memorandum to be discussed at a regular executive session of the judges. That meeting was held yesterday.

The Washington Star-News obtained a copy of the judge's memorandum and published its conclusions in today's editions. Judge Sirica was clearly angry in his chambers this morning when he found out about the newspaper's action.

Objection Phoned Reporter

However, when he spoke of the subject from the bench this afternoon, the flush was gone from his face as he called it "not an authorized disclosure."

"The statements quoted in this piece are attributed to a confidential memorandum issued from this court and for the sole use of our judges sitting in executive session yesterday afternoon," Judge Sirica said.

Judge Sirica said he had attempted to head off publication of the confidential memorandum when he heard of the plans of The Star-News. He telephoned one of the reporters, Barry Kalb, who had worked on the article.

"I personally stated to Mr. Kalb last evening my objection to the publication of this confidential matter, but apparently to no avail," the judge said.

With no further comment the judge left the courtroom.

The memorandum stated that 14 major indictments and "an unspecified number of 'relative-

ly straightforward cases' that would probably end in guilty pleas or require no more than one or two days for trial" might come to the court between January and May.

Since the date of Mr. Jaworski's letter, two more indictments have been handed up by Watergate grand juries. One was the indictment last Friday of seven men, including some of President Nixon's closest associates, on charges of covering up the June 17, 1972, burglary at Democratic national headquarters at the Watergate office building here.

Indictment of Jacobsen

The second was a perjury indictment Feb. 21 of Jake Jacobsen, an Austin, Tex., lawyer. He was charged with making a false statement to a grand jury about \$10,000 from the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., which was made available to an unnamed "public official" for his "assistance" in gaining a rise in milk price supports.

In the memorandum, the judge suggested that all major Watergate-related cases be assigned to three judges on the bench with experience in handling them: Judge Gerhard A. Gesell, Judge George L. Hart Jr. and himself.

Judge Sirica, who will be 70 years old March 19, steps down then as chief judge but plans to continue on the bench. He will be replaced by Judge Hart, whom he pledged to assist in Watergate-related matters.

Judge Sirica's suggestions, which also included setting up a three-judge panel on sentencing, were tabled, The Star-News reported.

In other Watergate action today, Judge Sirica allowed Charles W. Colson, former special counsel to President Nixon, who was among the seven men indicted last Friday, to switch lawyers: from his former law partner, David I. Shapiro, to another partner in the firm, Sidney Dickstein.

Mr. Shapiro said he expected to be called as a witness in the trial and that the switch to another member of the firm had the approval of the District of Columbia Bar Association.