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Jaworski's Job Safe, Saxbe Says

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Attorney General William B. Saxbe said yesterday that special prosecutor Leon Jaworski is secure in his job and will not be fired.

"No one can fire him except me, and I have no intention to do so," Saxbe told reporters.

The attorney general said he has not discussed the matter with Jaworski or with anyone in the White House.

Jaworski complained to the Senate Judiciary Committee earlier this week that White House lawyer James D. St. Clair was trying to undermine his independence by challenging his right to take President Nixon to court to secure evidence.

Mr. Nixon raised a similar argument last October when he ordered the dismissal of then special prosecutor Archibald Cox during a battle over a subpoena from Cox for nine White House tapes.

Cox was fired by Solicitor General Robert H. Bork, who became acting attorney general after then-Attorney General Elliot Richardson and his chief deputy, William Ruckelshaus, resigned rather than obey Mr. Nixon's order to fire the special prosecutor.

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