

The evidence is clear, says Cox

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Former special prosecutor Archibald Cox said yesterday that enough evidence exists to support the conclusion that President Nixon was part of a conspiracy to obstruct justice in the Watergate affair.

"A reasonable man could draw that inference from the transcripts and other published materials," Cox said, making it clear that he himself was not drawing that inference. He said all evidence available to the President should also be made available to the current special prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, the House Judiciary Committee, and other investigators.

"It would not do the slightest damage to the future of

the presidency. In fact, it is the only way of rebuilding confidence in government," Cox said.

Cox was fired as a special prosecutor last October when he refused to back down on his demands for access to the White House tapes. His remarks yesterday were made at Stanford University where he is to speak today at graduation. He is a professor at Harvard Law School and was solicitor-general under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

Regarding the Ellsberg break-in trial, Cox said that any evidence which John Ehrlichman and his attorneys can show to be in the possession of the government, relevant and exculpatory, ought to be produced.