

Sen. Ervin's Reservations On Silbert

Washington

Senator Sam Ervin (Dem-N.C.) said yesterday the nomination of Earl J. Silbert to be U.S. attorney in Washington should either be withdrawn or held up pending congressional impeachment proceedings.

Silbert was chief of the original Watergate prosecuting team.

In part, Ervin said he has reservations about Silbert because his statements during the first Watergate trial were "in complete harmony with the desires of the administration."

Ervin, chairman of the Senate Watergate committee, made his comments to reporters during a lunch recess of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is considering the Silbert nomination.

Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Petersen, who supervised the over-all Wat-



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ergate prosecution as chief of the Justice Department's criminal division, appeared before the committee for a second day.

Petersen said that more than two years after the Watergate break-in, the motives of those who planned, financed and executed it are still unknown.

"I still find the thing incredible," said Petersen. "We haven't fixed a rational motive to this day."

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