Hoffa Prosecutor Named To Aid Cox on Watergate

James Neal of Nashville Chosen to Study Data on Inquiry and to Make Report-White House Says Nixon Won't Testify

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WASHINGTON, May 29- Mr. Cox said that Mr. Neal's James F. Neal, an experienced appointment would be "for as prosecutor from Nashville, has long as I can convince him to joined the staff of the special stay. The present arrangement Federal prosecutor in the Wat- is that he will work for two ergate case. weeks, or longer if he can."

According to informed sources, Mr. Cox was believed to hope Mr. Neal has been assigned to that Mr. Neal, who is now in master all the information that private practice in Nashville, Government investigators have would become so interested in gathered up to now and to re- the Watergate case that he port to the special prosecutor, would decide to stay on it Archibald Cox. indefinitely.

Mr. Neal was chief of the But Mr. Neal said in Nash-Government team that success- ville last night, before he left fully prosecuted James R. Hoffa, for Washington to meet with former president of the Interna- Mr. Cox, that his law practice tional Brotherhood of Team- was overloaded with work and sters, for jury tampering in that he was reluctant to leave 1964. it to take a long-term job here.

In another development to- The official statement issued i day, the White House said that at the Justice Department to-President Nixon would not tes- day said that Mr. Neal would tify, either orally or in writing, "be working with the team of I to either the grand jury or the Earl J. Silbert, Donald E. Camp- $|_t$ Senate committee investigating the Watergate case.

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bell and Seymour Glanzer of the U.S. Attorney's office."

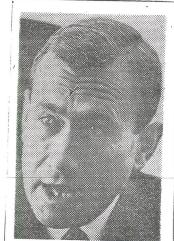
Relations between Mr. Cox and the three Assistant United States Attorneys have been strained since Mr. Cox became special prosecutor last week.

The three, who have handled the Watergate case since the burglary of the Democratic National Committee headquarters last June 17, were pre-pared to resign last week, according to their superior, Harold H. Titus Jr., the United according States Attorney here.

Mr. Cox persuaded Mr. Sil-bert, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Glanzer to continue on the case until he could familiarize himself with it, but he made no promises about whether they could remain on the case after that.

There was speculation here that one of Mr. Neal's functions would be to review the work of the three men and to advise Mr. Cox on whether they should be retained.

Mr. Neal is the third lawyer to join Mr. Cox's staff. Last week, it was announced that two Harvard Law School professors, James Vorenberg and Philip E. Heymann, wouldbe come assistants to Mr. Cox. Mr. Vorenberg and Mr. Hey-



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mann, as well as Mr. Neal, were sworn into office today. Mr. Vorenberg and Mr. Hey-

sistants, rather than as investi-Watergate break-in. It has not gators cutons.

Mr. Neal, who is 43 years documents. old, was a special assistant to Robert F. Kennedy, former At-Sirica prohibits prosecution of Mr. Sheppard that is based on old, was a special assistant to that he conducted the prosecu-mittee.

tion of Hoffa, gaining a reputation as a relentless and incorruptible investigator.

Mr. Neal was then appointed United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, a position he held until 1966 when he left the Government to enter private law practice. He is now the senior partner in the firm of Neal and Harwell.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wyoming and law degrees from Vanderbilt and Georgetown Universities.

In another development today, Judge John J. Sirica of the Federal District Court here issued an order granting limited immunity from prosecution to Roy M. Sheppard, thus compelling Mr. Sheppard's testimony before the Senate committee investigating the Watergate case.

Mr. Sheppard is a deliverymann have little experience as man who allegedly was hired prosecutors, and it was re- to haul away eight cartons of ported that they would serve documents from the White Mr. Cox as administrative as-House immediately after the or courtroom prose-been disclosed who hired him or to whom he delivered the

1964. It was in that capacity his testimony before the com-