

Aide Asserts Cox Inquiry Will Look at 'Everything'

Says Unit May Start New Investigations — Reports White House Has Not Yet Answered Request for Documents

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WASHINGTON, June 15 —

The Watergate special prosecution force may open new investigations beyond those already publicly connected with the case, a top prosecution official said today.

The official, James Vorenberg, assistant to the special prosecutor, Archibald Cox, made the statement at a news conference.

He said that a number of panels were being set up within Mr. Cox's office to look into the Watergate burglary, the International Telephone and Telegraph Company investigation, the \$200,000 cash contribution to the President's re-election campaign by the financier Robert L. Vesco, the burglary of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist, alleged attempts at campaign sabotage by Donald H. Segretti and campaign contributions.

"We start with the assumption we'll look into everything," Mr. Vorenberg said. "There are possible lines of inquiry other than those which are being explored."

He gave no indication what they were.

However, it was clear that the special prosecutor's investigation would be at least as broad as the Senate's and possibly range over new, as yet undisclosed, ground.

No Answer Yet

Mr. Vorenberg said that the special prosecutor had not yet received an answer from the White House to a request for "certain documents," including logs of a number of meetings that John W. Dean 3d had with President Nixon. The meetings covered a period from late January to early April this year.

Mr. Vorenberg said that the request for the documents had been made to Leonard Garment and J. Fred Buzhardt Jr. Mr. Garment is counsel to the President, a job Mr. Dean held until his dismissal April 30.

Mr. Buzhardt is special counsel to the President.

The White House had at first denounced reports by Mr. Dean that he had met repeatedly with the President but conceded later that he had.

Mr. Vorenberg said, "I hope

we will hear quite soon. We feel we have done all we can."

Asked by reporters whether an attempt would be made to subpoena the documents, he replied, "We have not made that kind of decision yet."

He said that attempts would be made to adjust Senate Watergate committee hearings so there would be no clash between hearings and the needs of the prosecution.

Radio-TV Ban Refused

Earlier this week, Chief Judge John J. Sirica of United States District Court refused a request by Mr. Cox to ban radio and television coverage of the Senate hearings because of possible damage to future indictments.

"We assume we will be able to get full cooperation from the Senate committee on the scheduling of witnesses [if needed] to allow us to button up a case," Mr. Vorenberg said.

As he spoke at a news conference in the Department of Commerce Building, investigators from the Senate staff of more than 40 persons were at the special prosecutor's office going over documents.

Mr. Vorenberg said later that the relations between Mr. Cox's staff and the committee staff had been very good, despite the court action.

He said that Joseph J. Connolly, 32 year old, of Philadelphia, had been appointed to the staff and would head up the I.T.T. investigation. Mr. Connolly is the son of former United States Representative James J. Connolly, who died in 1952 and was a Republican member of the House for many years.

Inquiry Was Transferred

A week ago, Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson shifted an investigation of the I.T.T. to the Watergate special prosecutor, saying that it had begun to overlap with the Watergate case.

Jeb Stuart Magruder told the Senate committee yesterday

that the break-in at the Democratic headquarters at the Watergate complex June 17, 1972, was part of a campaign to try to discredit the former Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien. He said that Mr. O'Brien, among other things, had been asking penetrating questions about the I.T.T. affair.

Also, E. Howard Hunt Jr., one of the confessed Watergate burglars, reportedly made an appearance in a red wig at a Denver hospital where Dita D. Beard, former I.T.T. lobbyist, was confined with a heart ailment.

Mr. Vorenberg said that additional appointments would probably be made to the Watergate special prosecution force next week and that eventually the force might total 50 to 75 lawyers, investigators and office personnel.

In an interview, Mr. Vorenberg said that the staff had been working seven days a week for the most part trying to get a thorough understanding of the case and dealing with day-to-day developments.

He said that Mr. Cox had "rented or borrowed" a house near Georgetown. Mr. Cox arrives early in the morning and has insisted on having time to himself to read grand jury testimony, trial transcripts, depositions and other papers in the case, searching for details and inconsistencies.

Puts in Long Day

Mr. Vorenberg, who stays at the Washington Hotel, said that he generally started work at 7 A.M. and ended the day well after midnight.

He and Philip E. Heymann, both Harvard University Law School professors, plan to stay on the case this summer and return to Cambridge, Mass., in the fall.

James F. Neal, a lawyer from Nashville, Tenn., is also on the temporary staff but has agreed to stay on for a few more weeks, Mr. Vorenberg said.

People coming on the staff now are being told that the assignment will be from one to two years.

The special prosecutors have already begun receiving tips, documents and information at their offices, and Mr. Vorenberg at his news conference urged people who have information that they think might bear on Watergate to get in touch with the prosecutor's staff.

The special prosecutor's office is at 1425 K Street, N.W., in Washington.