

Jaworski Gets Cooperation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House opened a document-filled file cabinet to a Watergate prosecution lawyer Wednesday and sent word it may make public some information from its secret presidential tape recordings.

At the same time, special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski disclosed that the administration voluntarily turned over nine tapes that he had requested.

"We are getting the type of cooperation I'd hoped we'd get," Jaworski said.

The special prosecutor also received a face-to-face pledge of support from Sen. William B. Saxbe, R-Ohio, President Nixon's nominee for attorney general.

Jaworski was summoned to the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Saxbe's nomination. Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., said the prosecutor should be there to hear Saxbe's assurances.

Jaworski told the committee that an assistant, Charles Breyer, was spending the day at the White House examining a cabinet containing hundreds of documents.

It was the first time the prosecutor's office has been permitted direct access to a wide range of documents requested by Jaworski and his predecessor, the ousted Archibald Cox.

Jaworski declined to say what documents Breyer was looking for, but said the assistant was following a prepared list as White House lawyer J. Fred Buzhardt pulled out the materials.

"He'll go over the documents one by one," Jaworski said of Breyer. If the assistant spots additional Watergate-pertinent papers, Jaworski said, "I would expect him to tell me about it."

Meanwhile, Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania said the White House is considering releasing some of the information on the tapes.

That step was urged on Alexander M. Haig Jr., Nixon's chief of staff, by Republican leaders at a policy luncheon Tuesday, Scott said. Haig, said the matter was under study, Scott reported.

Jaworski on Wednesday received from U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica two of the subpoenaed Watergate tapes and disclosed that his staff now has 13 White House recordings. Two other subpoenaed tapes were turned over earlier in the week.

Nine tapes were sent over voluntarily last Saturday in response to requests, Jaworski said. He said he had asked for six more and that "these have not been denied to us — it's purely a matter of determining if they are matters we want."

In other Watergate-related developments:

—U.S. Attorney Paul J. Curran said in New York the government will not appeal the refusal of a Bahamian magistrate to extradite financier Robert L. Vesco, who is a codefendant in an indictment charging John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans with conspiracy to obstruct justice.

—In Washington, William J. Casey, former chairman of the

Securities and Exchange Commission, told the Senate Banking Committee he never tampered with the SEC's investigation of Vesco's tottering financial empire. Vesco had made a \$200,000 contribution to Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign while the SEC was looking into his affairs.

—Federal investigators have received reports that Mitchell, the former attorney general and Nixon campaign director, blocked a criminal antitrust investigation into alleged monopoly practices of Associated Milk Producers, Inc., a huge dairy cooperative. The milk producers and other dairy cooperatives gave \$427,000 to Nixon's campaign and public interest groups have alleged a 1971 milk price increase was given as a payoff for those campaign gifts. Mitchell said through his lawyer he cannot recall the incident.

—It appeared likely that the Watergate grand jury might receive some of the presidential tapes before Christmas, depending on how long it takes prosecutors to analyze them. In the meantime, experts expected to have at least a preliminary report on the tapes' authenticity in Sirica's hands by Thursday.

The judge plans to hear their testimony in open court as part of the hearings into the two subpoenaed tapes the White House says don't exist and the 18-minute tone that wiped out part of Haldeman's conversation with the President on June 20, 1972.