

'Full Cooperation' With Coast Inquiry Is Pledged by Cox

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LOS ANGELES, June 1 — Archibald Cox, the special Watergate prosecutor, promised today to give "full cooperation" to a Los Angeles grand jury's investigation of the break-in at the office of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

Mr. Cox's statement, issued in Washington, came after The Los Angeles Times had reported that the new prosecutor wanted to delay the local investigation, which is scheduled to begin next Tuesday.

Mr. Cox was concerned, the newspaper said, that early indictments here could hamper the Watergate investigation in Washington. The special prosecutor even threatened to block the appearance of three witnesses before the grand jury who are now in Federal custody, the report said.

District Attorney Joseph P. Busch of Los Angeles County flew to Washington last night and met with Mr. Cox this morning. After the meeting, Mr. Cox issued his promise of cooperation, as well as a denial that he had ever requested a delay in the grand jury proceedings.

The District Attorney's staff here has run into other problems in its investigation of the break-in, which occurred at the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding in Beverly Hills on Sept. 3, 1971.

The main problem is that several potential witnesses have changed lawyers, and are now re-evaluating earlier promises to appear before the grand jury. The witnesses are also said to be reluctant to testify until they have a better idea of what direction the Watergate investigation will take under Mr. Cox.

Another problem is that different jurisdictions could grant immunity to different potential witnesses, producing conflict with the intentions of prosecutors in other areas. This whole confusing question is now under study here by the District Attorney.