

Cox Plans 2d Search of Records To See if McCord Was Bugged

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Special Watergate Prosecutor Archibald Cox said in papers filed yesterday in U.S. District Court that the government will make a second search of its records to determine if convicted Watergate burglar and wire-tapper James McCord was the victim of government wiretaps.

Cox's office filed the papers in opposition to McCord's demand for the disclosure of any materials pertaining to possible taps of

his conversations, and for a hearing on the matter.

The special prosecutor said the government had no objection to making a search similar to the one that was made prior to McCord's trial, but said that it should be left to the court to decide if any such evidence, if it exists, should be the subject of a hearing.

Cox's office also filed papers yesterday opposing McCord's motion for a new trial. McCord had contended that new evidence has come to light that, if it had been available at the time of his trial, might have altered the

outcome of that trial and that there was a concerted effort at the time of the trial to cover up the involvement of others in the Watergate operation.

Cox argued that there has been no new evidence disclosed that would bear on McCord's personal guilt or innocence, and, because McCord has testified before the Senate Watergate committee that he was aware of a coverup at the time of his trial, he was part of the cover-up, and cannot now raise its existence as a defense.