

New Watergate Jury to Be Called

Washington

At the request of special prosecutor Archibald N. Cox, U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica yesterday ordered a second Watergate grand jury impaneled August 13 to investigate about a dozen alleged criminal violations, including campaign spending laws.

In a letter to Sirica, Cox said it was "necessary and in the public interest" to convene a new federal grand jury in addition to the panel that has been investigating the Watergate burglary and its coverup since June, 1972.

Cox listed a dozen or so possible violations of the U.S. Code and other statutes governing federal campaigns and elections, obstruction of justice and conspiracy, including illegal campaign contributions by banks, corporations and labor organizations.

Cox is known to be investigating the extent of illegal corporate campaign donations during the 1972 election year, such as the \$55,000 that American Airlines announced recently it had given to President Nixon's campaign at the urging of Herbert W. Kalmbach, Mr. Nixon's personal lawyer.

At a hearing before Judge Sirica, James Neal, an attorney from Cox' office,

filed a set of documents he described as evidence against former White House aide Gordon Strachan, and asked Sirica to seal the evidence.

Strachan, a former aide to H. R. Haldeman, who resigned April 30 as White House chief of staff, was Haldeman's liaison at the Committee for the Re-election of the President when the break-in and bugging of the Democrats' Watergate headquarters occurred June 17, 1972.

Strachan, a former associate in President Nixon's former New York City law firm, is to testify soon — possibly today — before the Senate Watergate committee under limited immunity from prosecution.

Neal told Sirica he wanted the evidence sealed to prove that any evidence he might use to prosecute Strachan was obtained independently of testimony Strachan gives at the Senate hearings, which may not be used against him later in court.

The Senate committee has heard testimony that Strachan gave money from a \$350,000 GOP campaign fund controlled by Haldeman at the White House to campaign aide Frederick C. LaRue to pay the Watergate defendants.

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