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Jaworski Defers List Of Plotters

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Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski yesterday sidestepped defense demands for disclosure of all the alleged coconspirators in the Watergate cover-up.

Temporarily ducking the sensitive issue, Jaworski agreed to supply the names, but listed none of them.

A complete list of all the unindicted coconspirators in the cover-up case would amount to a public pronouncement by Jaworski of President Nixon's role in the alleged conspiracy—either by his presence, or absence, from such a list.

The six former White House aides and Nixon campaign advisers still facing trial in September had called for the accounting from Jaworski last month in demanding a bill of particulars setting down the details of the charges against them.

Yesterday was the deadline set by U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica for Jaworski's response to that and dozens of other defense motions in the case.

Submitting 2 memos and countermotions spread out over hundreds of pages, Jaworski said he "consented" to the furnishing of a list of alleged coconspirators. But he held back on the actual submission of it or any of the other details that he agreed to supply.

"When the judge orders us to file it, we'll file it," a spokesman for Jaworski said. "This is perfectly routine, I'm told."

The cover-up indictment itself, returned by the Watergate grand jury March 1, simply accuses the defendants of conspiring with others "known and unknown" to block the original investigation of the 1972 Watergate bugging and break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters here.

With charges against former White House aide Charles W. Colson about to be dismissed in return for his guilty plea in

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connection with the Ellsberg case, those still facing trial on the cover-up indictment are former Attorney General John N. Mitchell; former White House aides H.R. (Bob) Halde- man, John D. Ehrlichman, and Gordon Strachan; former Assistant Attorney General Robert C. Mardian, and Kenneth W. Parkinson, an attorney for the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

The prosecutor's lengthiest pleadings yesterday were concentrated on countering Strachan's claims that the charges against him were tainted by his disclosures to the Senate Watergate committee last summer under a grant of immunity and by his discussions with government prosecutors in April of 1973 under a promise that nothing he said would be used against him, directly or indirectly.

Jaworski maintained that the indictment against Strachan was still solidly based on independent testimony from confessed conspirators Jeb Stuart Magruder, John W. Dean III and Frederick C. LaRue. All three are on tap as government witnesses.

A former deputy to Halde- man, Strachan, 30, has been accused of obstruction of justice, conspiracy to obstruct justice, and lying to the Watergate grand jury.

The special prosecutor charged yesterday, without elaborating on it, that Strachan had also perjured himself in his testimony before the Senate Watergate committee last July.

Jaworski said no indictment for this was sought because it might have required a separate trial. But he said Strachan's Senate testimony was the "persuasive" factor in the final decision to indict him in the cover-up case.

Jaworski said, however, that Strachan had been targeted as a potential defendant much earlier as a result of his grand jury testimony about a \$350,000 cash fund that Strachan had given LaRue, in two installments, for payments to the original Watergate defendants.

In that testimony, given on April 11, 1973, Strachan insisted that he had given LaRue the money on his own "initiative," and, Jaworski

said, failed to disclose that he had made the deliveries on instructions from Dean. By the time Strachan admitted this in discussions with government prosecutor Earl J. Silbert later that month, Jaworski said, LaRue had already confessed "that Dean had advised him in advance to expect the delivery of the cash from Strachan."

Judge Sirica has scheduled hearings for next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday on the pre-trial maneuvering. Jaworski said yesterday that he stood ready to supply defense attorneys with witness lists, relevant grand jury testimony and other government evidence at least 30 days before trial, but only if the defendants furnish his office with similar materials. So far there has been no agreement.