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A New Watergate Conspirator Reported

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Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski reported yesterday that "newly discovered evidence" has turned up another conspirator in the Watergate cover-up.

Jaworski made the guarded disclosure in a court memo declaring that Watergate prosecutors do not intend to be confined at the cover-up trial to conspirators who were known to the Watergate grand jury when the conspiracy indictment was returned last March 1.

Spokesmen for the special prosecutor refused to identify the new alleged conspirator.

NBC news reported last night that it is White House aide Richard Moore, a senior staff consultant whose resignation becomes effective next week.

Moore was a Los Angeles broadcasting executive who joined the Nixon administration shortly before Watergate as an assistant to Attorney General John N. Mitchell, and who subsequently moved to the White House. Moore testified at hearings before the Senate Watergate committee in 1973.

Watergate prosecutors already had named 19 unindicted co-conspirators—from former President Nixon to the late Mrs. E. Howard Hunt Jr.—at a private pre-trial conference with attorneys for the defendants in the cover-up case last June.

At the trial yesterday, U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica completed the first round in the search for a jury by adding 80 more prospective panelists to the list of candidates.

The selection of a jury of 12, plus six alternates, is not likely to be completed until next week.

According to informed sources, President Ford's forthcoming testimony before a House Judiciary subcommittee about his pardon of Mr. Nixon is set for next Thursday in the hopes that the cover-up jury will have been picked and sequestered by then.

A spokesman for Jaworski said the special prosecutor

spoke by phone with the chairman of the Judiciary subcommittee, Rep. William L. Hungate (D-Mo.), "about the problems of last-minute publicity" yesterday morning.

In addition, sources said, both Hungate and White House counsel Philip W. Buchen had been concerned earlier this week—when Mr. Ford

agreed to appear within a 10-day limit—about any impact the President's testimony might have on the jury-selection process.

If it is not completed by next Thursday, these sources said, the President's appearance on Capitol Hill may be rescheduled.