

Lawmaker Presses**For Ford Probe****Washington**

Representative Elizabeth Holtzman yesterday took directly to Attorney General Edward Levi her demand that any role Gerald Ford played in blocking a 1972 Watergate investigation be cleared up before the presidential election.

The New York Democrat, referring to allegations that Mr. Ford acted at the behest of the White House while later testifying he took the action on his own, told Levi in a letter:

"Failure to investigate this matter would leave a cloud hanging over the election. Indeed, the American people would be confronted with a possible repetition of 1972 — the election of a president who might subsequently face criminal charges."

Holtzman appealed to Levi after special prosecutor Charles Ruff declined last week to look into the dispute, saying it was a matter for the justice department.

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