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Expert Cautions Nixon

On Dispute With Ervin

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A professor of law at President Nixon's alma mater, Duke University Law School, cautioned Mr. Nixon today against pressing his differences with Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. over an interpretation of the executive privilege doctrine.

Senator Ervin suggested at a news conference that the President, who has repeatedly cited the unwritten doctrine of executive privilege as ground for refusing to let his personal aides testify formally before Congressional committees, might benefit from a "refresher course" in the laws of evidence at Duke.

Frank T. Read, an associate dean at the school, where Mr. Nixon received his law degree in 1937, said in a telephone interview that if he were the President, "I wouldn't tangle with him on a point of constitutional interpretation like that."

"Sam Ervin is a hell of a good lawyer," he added, "probably the best constitutional lawyer in the Senate."