

Prober List Is Shrinking

Washington

Warren Christopher, one of the men on the list of Attorney General-designate Elliot L. Richardson, for the job of special prosecutor in the Watergate investigation, turned down the job yesterday.

Christopher said he did so because he would not have been granted enough independence. He was the second man to decide against the job.

"It didn't seem to me there was any reasonable probability I could, even after more discussions, achieve the requisite independence," Christopher declared. Christopher, a Los Angeles attorney, was interviewed at Dulles International Airport before he flew home.

Christopher met with Richardson yesterday. The two men still on Richardson's list — David W. Peck, former presiding justice of

the New York State Appellate division, and William H. Erickson, a justice on the Colorado Supreme court — were to meet with Richardson afterward.

On Tuesday, Judge Harold R. Tyler Jr. of the U.S. District court in New York, turned down the prosecutor job because he was unwilling to give up his judgeship. He was Richardson's first choice for the position.

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