

## Congressional Moves

# Watergate Quiz-- The Probe Widens

## Testimony Today on CIA Role

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The attention of Congress, like that of much of the nation, will turn increasingly to Watergate this week.

James McCord, the convicted Watergate break-in specialist, will resume his Senate testimony tomorrow, while former CIA director Richard Helms faces questioning today on involvement of his old agency, and Attorney General-designate Elliot L. Richardson introduces his newly picked special Watergate prosecutor, Archibald Cox, to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Helms, now U.S. ambassador to Iran is expected to face a week-long round of closed-door questioning on Capitol Hill concerning contacts, cited in earlier testimony by others, between the CIA and the Nixon administration concerning the June 17, 1972, break-in at Democratic party headquarters and the 1971 break-in at the offices of a former psychiatrist of Daniel Ellsberg, accused in the Pentagon Papers case. Helms' first scheduled stop this morning is at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Stuart Symington (Dem-Mo.), acting chairman of another committee, Senate Armed Services, said Friday that he had "signifi-

cant" information about CIA involvement in the attempted official cover-up last year of the Watergate scandal.

Defense Secretary Elliot

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L. Richardson, up for Senate confirmation as attorney general, is due to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee today. With him, at the panel's request, will be Cox, his hand-picked Watergate prosecutor, a Harvard law professor.

Cox is a registered Democrat and served as U.S. solicitor general in the Kennedy administration. He expected to talk today with the Senate select committee chaired by Senator Sam Ervin (Dem-N.C.) about the potential legal problem of pre-trial publicity stemming from the Ervin panel's open sessions.

Cox said, however, that at this point he envisions no solution to the problem.

For his part, Senator Ervin complained yesterday that the Justice Department, which has been presenting testimony before a federal grand jury on Watergate since last year, is not cooperating with his committee.

### IMMUNITY

Speaking on ABC's "Issues and Answers," Ervin said that Justice officials had refused to waive a 30-day waiting period before granting immunity from criminal prosecution to former White House Counsel John Dean III and Jeb Stuart Magruder, deputy director of the Nixon re-election committee.

Both men rank high on the Senate select committee's

witness list but are reportedly demanding immunity before any agreement to testify in public.

Ervin said the only way to get the facts in some cases is to grant immunity to some suspects. "I think it is much more important for the American people to know — and Congress to find out — what happened, than to send one or two people to jail," he said.

### McCORD

McCord, former security chief for the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, testified last Thursday and Friday. He is expected to be questioned closely tomorrow on his statement Friday that he got frequent reports from the Justice Department's internal security division. Committee investi-

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gators want to know if he got reports from wiretaps, among other sensitive material.

Tentatively scheduled to follow McCord before the Ervin panel is former White House aide John Caulfield, whom McCord described as making offers of executive clemency, purportedly with Mr. Nixon's awareness.

Another upcoming witness this week, according to panel member Lowell P. Weicker (Rep-Conn.), will be Alfred C. Baldwin III, a former FBI agent who testified at the trial of the Watergate burglars last January that he had prepared logs of wire-tapped Democratic party conversations.

### DEVELOPMENTS

In other developments:

• Time magazine reported that a Crossley Surveys Inc. telephone poll of 1037 voters last week indicated that 41 per cent of those

questioned believed Mr. Nixon knew of the June 17 Watergate break-in in advance, and 58 per cent felt that he knew of the subsequent coverup.

• Julie Nixon Eisenhower, the President's daughter, told a Washington TV interviewer (WRC-TV) that she did not think that her father would leave office prior to the expiration of his term in 1977.

"I don't think he'd ever bug out, so to speak," she said.