

COX STAFF BEGINS REVIEW OF CASE

Sources Obey Prosecutor's
Order Not to Comment or
Speculate About Inquiry

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WASHINGTON, May 30 —

An imposed silence fell over the Watergate criminal investigation today as Archibald Cox, the special prosecutor, and his staff began reviewing the case.

Mr. Cox seemed to be clearly in charge. His order to "refrain from any kind of statement, comment or speculation about any aspect of the investigation" was being followed by usually talkative sources in the Justice Department.

Through a department spokesman, Mr. Cox said that the day was spent on personnel, organization, and finding new quarters for his staff outside the Justice Department building.

Also, the spokesman said, Mr. Cox and his three-man staff were "generally informing themselves of matters under his jurisdiction."

Talks of Prosecutors

Two of Mr. Cox's assistants, Philip B. Heymann and James F. Neal, met with the former prosecution team of three United States Attorneys, Earl J. Silbert, Seymour Glanzer and Donald E. Campbell, the spokesman said.

He also said that new quarters had been found for the

special prosecutor and that Mr. Cox would move in next week. The spokesman said he did not know but presumably it will be in a downtown Washington office building.

The 23-member grand jury in the Watergate case has been in recess for more than a week and is expected to continue in recess while Mr. Cox and his staff familiarize themselves with the case.

The silence at the Justice Department today was a marked contrast to events of the last week.

The three prosecutors who had been handling the case since it began with the break-in at the Democrats National Headquarters in the Watergate complex on June 17, 1972, threatened to quit last week, unsure of their status under a new special prosecutor. Mr. Cox calmed them, saying it was in the public interest that they remain at work at least until his staff had learned the details of the case.

Reports in The New York Times had discussed the prosecutor theory of the case and The Washington Post on Tuesday reported that the prosecutors felt there was justification for calling President Nixon before the grand jury.

The reports caused the White House to announce that Mr. Nixon would not testify before the grand jury. Mr. Cox, who

had already informally asked for restraint on the part of justice department officials, made public a statement saying that he had drawn no conclusions.

In a related development, Chief Judge John J. Sirica of the United States District Court formally signed an order today for a 20-day delay in granting immunity from prosecution for John W.W. Dean 3d and Jeb Stuart Magruder, former administration aides who are central figures in the Watergate investigation.

The offer had been requested by the Justice Department and delays their testimony before the Senate Watergate inquiry until at least June 18.