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Special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox hired another veteran of the Kennedy administration Justice Department, Thomas F. McBride, for a key staff post yesterday.

As Cox' still - embryonic operation continued to grow it was also announced that the "Office of Watergate Special Prosecution Force," as it is now officially called, will move into new quarters away from the Justice Department building n ext week. And a permanent "No. 2 man" for Cox, described by Cox special assistant James Vorenberg, as "likely to be a man who is experienced in running very large prosecutions," may be hired next week.

McBride, who served in the organized crime section of the Justice Department during the Kennedy administration will coordinate pending investigations of Watergate-related matters in New York, Los Angeles, Florida and Houston.

His assignment will parallel that of James Neal, also a former Kennedy administration prosecutor.

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