Cox Names Former Hogan Aide to Staff

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WASHINGTON, May 31— Thomas F. McBride, a former assistant district attorney in New York and a former Justice Department attorney, was named today to the Watergate investigating staff by Archibald Cox, the special prosecutor.

Mr. McBride, 44 years old, has specialized in investigation and prosecution of organized crime. Mr. Cox's announcement said that Mr. McBride "will initially assist in the coordination of pending maters such as the Donald H. Segretti case in Florida and the Federal grand jury proceedings in Houston regarding campaign contributions."

Mr. Segretti has been indicted in Florida in the distribution of spurious campaign literature and conspiracy and is believed to have been a coordinator of Republican attempts to disrupt the Democratic Presidental primaries.

The Houston grand jury is looking into the "laundering" of campaign contributions by sending them through Mexico to conceal their source.

Other Studies Planned

Mr. McBride is also expected to look into several other grand jury actions across the nation, including the one regarding the $200,000 cash campaign contribution by Robert L. Vesco in New York. Mr. Vesco and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell have been indicted in that case.

Mr. McBride is now on leave from the Police Foundation, a private organization that finances programs to improve law enforcement.

At the foundation, Mr. McBride served as staff director under Patrick V. Murphy, former New York City police commissioner. His appointment is the fifth in the special prosecutor's office, aside from clerical and support personnel.

James Vorenberg, one of Mr. Cox's assistants, told a news conference at the Justice Department that "probably" three to five more lawyers would be named to the staff within a week. He said that they would include young lawyers to work on research and a "permanent No. 2 man" to serve under Mr. Cox.

Mr. Vorenberg said that there was "no fixed arrangement" on how long Mr. McBride would work with the investigators.

"We needed experienced, able people," he said. "Tom was willing, on virtually no notice, to come on board."

Operations to Move

Mr. Vorenberg said that the entire special prosecution operation would move out of the Justice Department as soon as possible into quarters at Vermont and K Streets in downtown Washington.

Asked if special precautions had been taken to guard against electronic eavesdropping and burglary at the new offices, he said, "Yes, we have."

He said that arrangements had been made for the space with the General Services Adminisration "on the condition that it could be made secure in all sorts of ways."

At the request of Mr. Cox, Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson issued today a directive to "all divisions, offices, services and bureaus of the department, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation," to cooperate with Mr. Cox.

Mr. Richardson ordered that all matters dealing with the case be brought to the atten-tion of Mr. Cox.

Mr. McBride, the newest member of the Watergate Special Prosecution Force, as it is officially called, graduated from Columbia Law School in 1956. He joined District Attorney Frank S. Hogan's staff and left in 1960 to join the organized crime section of the Justice Department, handling investigations and prosecutions of organized crime, gambling and political corruption.

While with the department, he served as an adviser to the Home Ministry of India, looking into political corruption.

From 1965 to 1968 he was Peace Corps director in Latin America and an associate director of the Urban Coalition.

In 1969 he became deputy chief counsel of the House Select Committee on Crime and later headed one of the centers of the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice in the Law Enforcement Asistance Administration of the Department of Justice.