

# Citizens

## Tip Off

### Cox Staff

WASHINGTON — (AP) — With tips pouring in from citizens across the nation, the Watergate special prosecutor's staff is beginning to wonder if Archibald Cox's work will ever be done.

Top aides to Cox say that decisions must be made soon on what sorts of cases fall within their broad mandate.

James Vorenberg, associate special prosecutor, told a news conference June 15, "We strongly urge people in this country with information they think may bear on Watergate . . . to come forward and provide Mr. Cox with information."

Since then, several tips a day have been coming to the prosecutors' office.

Most of the citizen tips fall into three categories: cases dealing with campaign contributions; reports or rumors of break-ins or other illegal surveillance by government investigators; and allegations from businessmen who feel they were beaten unfairly in competition for a government contract.

The investigation guidelines drawn up by Atty. Gen. Elliot L. Richardson, with the Senate Judiciary Committee looking over his shoulder, gave Cox full authority to investigate and prosecute all offenses arising out of the 1972 presidential election.

That includes not only the Watergate bugging, but all "allegations involving the President, members of the White House staff, or presidential appointees."

Later, Vorenberg told a news conference the staff had been divided into task forces to look into matters ranging from campaign contributions and political sabotage to the IIT anti-trust case.

Aides now say it might require two task forces to handle cases involving political contributions.

They acknowledge they are investigating a wide range of possible law violations, including extortion, on the part of Nixon campaign fund-raisers.