NYTimes

Special Prosecutor, Faced With Move

NYTIMES By ANTHONY RIPLEY Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, July 23-Special Prosecutor Archibald

and would comment further on statement, the prosecutor emence in the next few days.

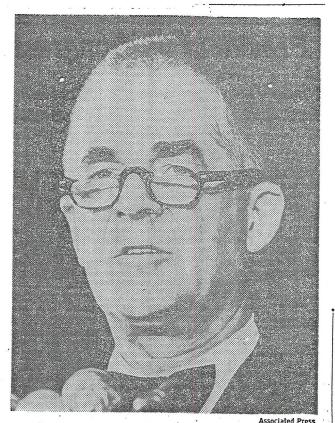
the matter at a news confer-phasized three points in his

Special to The New York Times WASHINGTON, July 23— Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, who said last May 21 that he would either resign or seek "some public recourse" if any-one attempted to block his criminal investigation of the Watergate scandals, ran into a block today. He did not resign. He went to court. Mr. Cox announced at a brief meeting with newsmen that he would seek to subpoena tape recordings of eight specific White House conversations he considered important to the case. He also said that he had been seeking other documents, presumably without success, Special to The New York Times MASHINGTON, July 23— ence in the next few days. "There are other pending re-that he would discuss those re-requests for tapes were part on a stepsile charges of criminal model he add any solve the problem through the solve the problem through no one had been seeking other documents, presumably without success, Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, who said last May 21 that he would ist the next few days. "There are other pending re-that ne ext few days. "There are other pending re-the said, adding Those points were that the requests for tapes were part of an investigation into "seri-ous criminal misconduct," that such a request for information on possible charges of criminal other details. He said he would try to re-go solely to a grand jury in solve the problem through the secret. Before he read his brief day White House consultant,

to Block Inquiry, to Subpoena Tapes

said the matter involved execu-tive privilege based on the separation of powers among the courts, the Presidency and Correction of powers among the professor said.

said the matter involved execu-tive privilege based on the separation of powers among the courts, the Presidency and Congress. "It is to hold confidential his personal communications Mr. Wright argued, only the Presi-public interest to make some of those communications pub-lic. "It President must weigh whether the public interest is better served by witholding in-vestigation or preserving the confidentiality of his personal communications, Mr. Wright "The this intance, the Presi-outice and ecide if the public interest is better served by witholding in-vestigation or preserving the confidentiality of his personal communications, Mr. Wright "In this intance, the Presi-outice and ecide if the public interest is better served by witholding in-vestigation or preserving the confidentiality of his personal communications, Mr. Wright



Archibald Cox, special Watergate prosecutor, telling reporters that he would subpoena the Presidential tapes.