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Kleindienst Requests

Hearings Suspension

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 29 (UPI)—Former U. S. Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst called today on Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr.'s committee to suspend its Watergate hearings.

Mr. Kleindienst, who earlier this month was one of the last witnesses to testify before the committee, spoke with reporters before a speech at St. Louis University. The Ervin committee resumes its hearings next month.

"I would like to see them [the hearings] suspended until the proceedings before the grand jury and before the trial of any alleged defendants have been concluded," he said.

"Then—after the legal proceedings are over—I would have no objection to the Senate hearings," he said.

On a philosophical note, Mr. Kleindienst predicted that good would come out of the Watergate affair.

At the same time, he said he was sorry to see the effects of Watergate on Government operations.