

Cox Probe Of San Jose Egg Incident

A 1970 incident in which rocks and eggs were thrown at President Nixon in San Jose is being investigated by special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox's staff, it was learned yesterday.

The probe was requested by State Senator Alfred Alquist (Dem-San Jose) in a letter to Cox.

The eggs and rocks flew when President Nixon flashed his "V" sign at a crowd after making a speech at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. He entered his limousine unscathed.

Many in the crowd were there to protest the Vietnam war and it was assumed at the time that the missiles had come from that segment of onlookers.

There were second thoughts afterward, however, and in his letter Alquist asked that Cox explore charges that the incident may have been incited or exploited by Nixon staffers.

In a reply from assistant prosecutor Nathaniel H. Akerman of Cox's staff, made public yesterday, Alquist was told that "it is our intention to investigate this matter to the extent it falls within the jurisdiction of the office."