

# Law Deans Ask New Prosecutor

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The deans of 14 law schools, including some of the nation's most prestigious, are petitioning Congress to set up an independent Watergate

prosecutor's office — and to create machinery that could lead to impeaching President Nixon if he won't cooperate with it.

The petition, circulated by Columbia University Law School Dean Michael I. Sovern, says: "Substantial evidence exists that close associates of the President of the United States, and possibly the President himself, have engaged in a deliberate effort to obstruct justice."

Those signing the petition, according to a spokesman at Columbia, include law school deans Albert M. Sacks of Harvard; Abraham S. Goldstein of Yale; Robert B. McKay of New York University; Phil C. Neal of the University of Chicago; Adrian S. Fisher of Georgetown University and Thomas Ehrlich of Stanford University.

The petition urges establishing a "Select Committee to Consider the Necessity of Presidential Impeachment" as a guarantee Mr. Nixon will cooperate with the proposed prosecutor's office.

"Public trust in the administration of justice requires that the evidence of such misconduct be investigated by prosecutors independent of those under investigation," the petition says.

The other law school deans signing the petition, according to the spokesman, are E. Clinton Bamberger Jr., Catholic University of America; Gordon A. Christenson, American University Washington College of Law; Monroe H. Freedman, Hofstra University; Kenneth L. Penegar, University of Tennessee; Herbert O. Reid, acting law school dean at Howard University; Theodore J. St. Antoine, University of Michigan; and Bernard Wolfman, University of Pennsylvania.

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