



JILL RUCKELSHAUS
'Twisting slowly'

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White House counselor Anne Armstrong has asked Jill Ruckelshaus to remain on her staff although her husband, former deputy attorney general William D. Ruckelshaus, was either fired or quit Saturday after refusing to obey President Nixon's order to fire special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox, aides said yesterday.

Mrs. Armstrong telephoned Mrs. Ruckelshaus Sunday night to request her to stay on her staff as a part-time adviser on women's affairs. Mrs. Ruckelshaus, champion of women's rights, said she would have to discuss it with her husband.

Mrs. Ruckelshaus feels it would be "rather difficult" for her to maintain a White House position in view of the resignation of her husband as No. 2 man in the Justice Department.

Ruckelshaus was asked what had happened to his wife as a result of the upheaval over the dismissal of Cox.

"She's twisting slowly, slowly in the wind," quipped Ruckelshaus, in reference to a White House aide's comment on the fate of L. Patrick Gray III, whose nomination as FBI director was scuttled by the Watergate scandal.

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