

## Text of Deans' Petition

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 22—  
Following is the text of the resolution to be presented to Congress by deans of United States law schools throughout the nation:

Whereas 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;

Whereas public trust in the administration of justice requires that the evidence of such misconduct be investigated by prosecutors independent of those under investigation;

And whereas the President has prevented such an independent inquiry from being conducted,

Therefore, we the undersigned, deans of American law schools, respectfully petition the Congress of the United States to take the following measures:

We urge that Congress act immediately by statute to establish a special Watergate prosecutor's office, with the special prosecutor to be appointed by a specified law court (as authorized in Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution) and with complete independence of the executive branch of Government.

The President's stated refusal to comply with court rulings requiring him to produce relevant evidence raises a serious question as to whether he will cooperate fully with a Congressionally established prosecutor. There being only one course clearly open to the American people to protect against this contingency, we urge further that the House of Representatives create a select committee to consider the necessity of Presidential impeachment.