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 Following are excerpts from rules and regulations signed by former Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and printed in the June 4 Federal Register establishing the office of Watergate special prosecutor within the Department of Justice:

**Duties and Responsibilities of the Special Prosecutor**

The special prosecutor shall have full authority for investigating and prosecuting offenses against the United States arising out of the unauthorized entry in Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate, all offenses arising out of the 1972 Presidential election for which the special prosecutor deems it necessary and appropriate to assume responsibility, allegations involving the President, members of the White House staff, or Presidential appointees, and any other matters which he consents to have assigned to him by the Attorney General.

In particular, the special prosecutor shall have full authority with respect to the above matters for:

¶ Conducting proceedings before grand juries and any other investigations he deems necessary;

¶ Reviewing all documentary evidence available from any source, as to which he shall have full access;

¶ Determining whether or not to contest the assertion of "executive privilege" or any other testimonial privilege;

¶ Determining whether or not application should be made to any Federal court for a grant of immunity to any witness, consistently with applicable statutory requirements, or for warrants, subpoenas, or other court orders;

¶ Deciding whether or not to prosecute any individual, firm, corporation, or group of individuals;

¶ Initiating and conducting prosecutions, framing indictments, filing informations, and handling all aspects of any cases within his jurisdiction (whether initiated before or after his assumption

of duties), including any appeals;

¶ Coordinating and directing the activities of all Department of Justice personnel, including U. S. Attorneys;

¶ Dealing with and appearing before Congressional committees having jurisdiction over any aspect of the above matters and determining what documents, information, and assistance shall be provided to such committees.

**Pledge of Independence**

In exercising this authority, the special prosecutor will have the greatest degree of independence that is consistent with the Attorney General's statutory accountability for all matters falling within the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice.

The Attorney General will not countermand or interfere with the special prosecutor's decisions or actions. The special prosecutor will determine whether and to what extent he will inform or consult with the Attorney General about the conduct of his duties and responsibilities.

The special prosecutor will not be removed from his duties except for extraordinary improprieties on his part.

**DESIGNATION AND RESPONSIBILITY**—The personnel acting as the staff and assistant of the special prosecutor shall be known as the Watergate special prosecution force and shall be responsible only to the special prosecutor.

**PUBLIC REPORTS** — The special prosecutor may from time to time make public such statements or reports as he deems appropriate and shall upon completion of his assignment submit a final report to the appropriate persons or entities of the Congress.

**DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT** — The special prosecutor will carry out these responsibilities, with the full support of the Department of Justice, until such time as, in his judgment, he has completed them or until a date mutually agreed upon between the Attorney General and himself.