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**Russian Press Gives
Watergate Slight Nod**

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MOSCOW, Oct. 22 — The Soviet press paid only a minimum of attention today to the latest developments in the Watergate affair with a flat announcement of the dismissals of the special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox and Deputy Attorney General William D. Ruckelshaus and the resignation of Attorney General Elliott

Pravda, under the headline, L. Richardson.
"Communication From the White House Press Secretary," hewed to the remarks made by Ronald L. Ziegler on the latest turn of the Watergate affair. By attributing everything to Mr. Ziegler, the Soviet press avoided any direct comment on internal American politics.

The Soviet press has generally avoided making any mention of the scandal, in an attempt not to jeopardize the special relations developed by the Russian Communist party leader Leonid I. Brezhnev with President Nixon.

Today's article gave Soviet readers hardly any hint of the dramatic events that led to the newest domestic crisis within the Nixon Administration. Pravda made a point of quoting Mr. Ziegler as saying that the President had accepted Mr. Richardson's resignation with "deepest regret."