

# Petersen agrees to limitations

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WASHINGTON — Asst. Attorney General Henry E. Petersen has accepted the limitations set down by President Nixon and has been placed in charge of the investigations stemming from the Watergate scandal.



**HENRY PETERSEN**  
Takes over what's left

On Friday, Nixon went beyond the question of whether tape recordings should be made available to prosecutors and decreed that the prosecutors should make no further effort to subpoena "tapes, notes or memoranda of presidential conversations."

Archibald Cox, fired at Nixon's order as Watergate special prosecutor, said the White House had refused to turn over documents and files needed for prosecutions by him.

But Petersen, chief of the Justice Department's criminal division, accepted the limitation. He had reportedly considered resigning rather than resuming the investigation under Nixon's restrictions.

Robert H. Bork, acting attorney general, said Petersen would use the evidence

and staff already assembled by Cox as well as other Justice Department personnel "to see that the cases are pressed to a conclusion and that justice is done."

According to Bork, Nixon wants the department to "continue with full vigor the investigations and prosecutions that had been entrusted" to Cox. "Petersen, of course, would not have it any other way and neither would I," Bork said.

The administration supports legislation to continue the life of the Watergate grand jury for at least six months beyond its expiration date in December, Bork added.

Petersen told the Senate Watergate committee in July that he resented having the investigation turned over to Cox.