

Probe urged in Cox firing

WASHINGTON — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) is pressing for a full-scale investigation into the dismissal of Watergate Prosecutor Archibald Cox. He says Cox may have been fired because he was too close to the White House staff.

Kennedy said he will ask the Senate Judiciary Committee to begin the inquiry when it meets tomorrow with Cox as the first witness. Chairman James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) scheduled the hearing at the request of Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield, who

asked that the committee consider the factors involved.

Cox's attorney, Stephen J. Pollak, made the Senate Judiciary Committee Mansfield and regarded a "letter" to Boston. "Certain commitments were made so that Mr. [Cox] could assume an independent position as special prosecutor."

The Senate procedure is good, and on the basis of these promises, pledges and commitments.

An Leland spokesman said the committee would not be the firing of

Cox. But other members have advanced views on what should be done.

William French Buckley Jr. said he would like to see a full-scale investigation. He said he had heard that the tapes compromise was a sham, a pretext for the special prosecutor's discharge. He said he would like to see the White House investigated.

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