

150,000 Telegrams Pour Onto Capital

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 23—More than 150,000 telegrams, "the heaviest concentrated volume on record," according to a Western Union official, have swamped the company since President Nixon's ouster of Archibald Cox, the Watergate special prosecutor.

James H. Foster, the company's president for public affairs, said from the company's headquarters in Mahwah, N. J., that the Washington office had been "inundated" with messages and that Western Union had installed three high-speed teleprinters in nearby Virginia to handle the backlog.

Of the 150,000 telegrams sent to Washington, about 10,000 have gone to the White House and the rest to Capitol Hill. The normal weekly load to Congress, according to Western Union, is about 6,000 messages.

While officials are prohibited by law from revealing the nature of the telegrams, a random check of Senators and Representatives' offices revealed overwhelming support of impeachment of President Nixon.

An aide to Senator Jacob K. Javits, Republican of New York, said that of 1,150 messages received here "less than 10" supported the President. The office of Representative Julia Butler Hansenn, Democrat of Washington, according to an assistant. "Most of them have only two words — Impeach Nixon," the aide said.

An aide to Representative Charles W. Sandman Jr., the Republican nominee for Gov-

ernor of New Jersey, said the conservative Congressman had received about 70 telegrams and letters in response to the President's dismissal of Mr. Cox. While the aide stressed that it was common to receive "negative" responses she said the messages were "almost all calling for impeachment."

About 70 messages had been received in the office of Representative Sam Stexger, Republican of Arizona. "Most of them are dissatisfied with the President's action," and aide to the conservative Representative said.

An aide to Representative Gerald R. Ford, Michigan Republican who is the President's nominee for Vice President,

said the office had "no idea," how Mr. Ford's mail was running. A staff member for Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, the Senate Republican leader, said responses on the Cox dismissal had not been "logged" because of "two days of not being here."

A White House official said that "no tally" had been taken on the number of the breakdown of messages received.

The high speed printers can complete six messages a second, but officials report that messages were still streaming into hill offices. "No one can ever recall anything of this magnitude in this short a time," a Washington Western Union official said.