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**SIRICA ASKED TO TAKE  
CUSTODY OF RECORDS**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (UPI)—Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Petersen and the Watergate special prosecution force asked United States District Court today to take custody of the task force's records.

The five-page motion said the responsibility for the security of the materials was "uncertain" in the light of President Nixon's dismissal of the special prosecutor, Archibald Cox, last Saturday night. They asked Chief Judge John J. Sirica to declare all grand jury transcripts, exhibits, writings, memorandums, notes and other files to be in his custody.

Except for personal papers, only those attorneys employed by the task force before the dismissal of Mr. Cox could remove materials and only for the purpose of legal proceedings, interviewing witnesses or "otherwise discharging their official duties."

The proposed order requested the same privilege for Mr. Petersen, who has resumed jurisdiction over the Watergate investigation.