

Denial of Story On Cox Successor

Washington

The Justice Department yesterday denied a Time magazine story that President Nixon had rejected a prospect for a special Watergate prosecutor because of his political leanings.

"No name has been recommended to the President and none has been rejected," said department spokesman John Hushen. "To say the President has rejected anyone is untrue.

Time said Sunday that acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork had recommended a successor to fired Archibald Cox but that Nixon

had rejected Bork's choice, "apparently on the ground of his political leanings." The magazine did not identify the person allegedly involved.

Hushen said Bork is "trying to narrow the list" of prospects and to meet Mr. Nixon's prerequisites that Cox' successor be "independent without strong political coloration." He said 40 to 50 persons were under consideration initially, including some who had been in the running when Cox was picked last May.

Bork is to announce his choice this week.

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