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Nixon Aides Discussed

Firing Cox Last July

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Former Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson testified yesterday that the White House talked about "getting rid of" Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox two months after he started his investigation.

Reading from notes he had taken during telephone conversations with top White House officials, Richardson remembered one call from Alexander M. Haig Jr., White House chief of staff, on July 23. Cox was appointed by Richardson in May.

"The President wants a tight line drawn . . . and no further mistakes . . . or we'll get rid of Cox," Richardson quoted Haig as telling him.

Richardson told the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday that President Nixon remarked to him in September about "getting rid of Cox."