

Cox Staff Intact And Optimistic

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Despite the rumors, mass resignations are not taking place on the aggressive task force of fired Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox and, according to staff members the likelihood of anyone quitting is becoming more remote as time passes.

The prosecuting force's lawyers are too politically wise to indulge publicly in a mutual admiration exercise so soon after Leon Jaworski's swearing-in as the new special prosecutor, but many of them are expressing in private conversation a sense of relief over Cox's replacement.

"Things are unbelievably on the up," said one staff member. "People are pretty

impressed by Jaworski's attitude, and it looks at the end of four days that we're going to settle in without any changes."

For his part, Jaworski appeared to be equally impressed with the staff of 90 persons, including 37 attorneys, that he inherited from Cox, a Harvard College law professor.

Some of the attorneys are regarded skeptically by the Nixon administration because they served under Democratic administrations or campaigned for Democratic candidates.

"I'm happily impressed," said Jaworski, conservative Democrat. "From what I know, they are more at ease than they have been. As far as their willingness to stay, I have heard nothing to the contrary."

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