

## SAXBE APPROVES 3 MORE WIRETAPS

**Says White House Sought  
Them in National Security  
Cases—No Other Details**

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 —  
Attorney General William B. Saxbe said today that he had authorized three national-security wiretaps at the request of the White House since taking office just over a week ago.

He also told reporters at a breakfast meeting that he favored streamlining the procedure now required before such wiretaps were made.

"I think there is too much layering," Mr. Saxbe said. He declined to provide any additional information about the three new wiretaps except to confirm that they were of the kind that required only his approval, and not a warrant issued by a judge.

Mr. Saxbe noted that there were three kinds of wiretaps: the national-security type connected with activities of foreign governments; domestic wiretaps, which require approval from a judge, and the bugging of a phone with the consent of one of the parties involved in a conversation.

### Legislation Planned

Mr. Saxbe said he thought that the three wiretaps authorized in the last week were an unusually large number and that they had stacked up while awaiting his taking office.

He also disclosed that President Nixon's State of the Union Message would include a proposal for legislation to govern the distribution of criminal statistics.

a debate over control of such statistics has been growing as computerized systems, capable of retrieving large amounts of information in a brief time, have come into more common use by the Federal and state governments.

Attempts in the past to write legislation governing these systems have run into a conflict between the right to privacy of persons who have criminal records and the demand by a number of elements in society for access to public records.

Mr. Saxbe indicated that a key element of the legislation would be a requirement that all information be checked to ensure that it is accurate and up-to-date before it is released and a guarantee that persons who have criminal records can review the record to make sure it is accurate.

### Will Urge Cooperation

Mr. Saxbe said he had not

been asked by White House officials whether tapes and documents should be turned over to the House committee considering impeachment. But, he said, if he were asked, he would recommend cooperation with the committee and that he expected White House information would be made available to the committee.

In an interview last week, J. Fred Buzhardt Jr., a Presidential counsel, indicated the White House would resist providing such information to the House committee.

Mr. Saxbe said he did not think those who had been critical of the President would "get off his back" as long as he remained in office.

"Impeachment will be hanging over his head as long as he is in office," Mr. Saxbe declared.

The Attorney General also commented briefly on the action taken yesterday by a three-judge panel in Baltimore recommending the disbarment of former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

"I was afraid it was going to happen," Mr. Saxbe said. "I think it's a reasonable follow-up."