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Cox Opposed to Continuing
Special Prosecutor's Office

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— The former special Water-gate prosecutor, Archibald Cox, testified today against establishing a special prosecutor's office on a permanent basis to investigate wrongdoing by high government officials.

"The primary responsibility for preventing wrongdoing high in the executive branch, for exposing it promptly and for dealing with the wrongdoers rests with the President," Mr. Cox told a Senate Judiciary subcommittee.

A Harvard Law School professor, Mr. Cox was dismissed on President Nixon's orders last October as special prosecutor when he balked at a directive to drop court action to obtain White House tapes and other evidence.

The subcommittee is considering a bill to make the Justice Department an independent agency and another looking toward the establishment of a permanent special prosecutor.