

# Cox Urges A Broader Nixon Probe

Houston

Former Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox says the edited Watergate-related transcripts released last week by President Nixon suggest an attempt by Mr. Nixon to obstruct justice.

Speaking to newsmen here Saturday, he also urged his successor, Leon Jaworski, and the House Judiciary Committee's formal impeachment inquiry to "go forward until the last stone has been unturned."

"I think the committee is entitled to judge for itself what is relevant," Cox said. "The material that has been produced is said to be all that is relevant to Watergate. But neither the prosecutor's investigation nor the congressional investigation is limited entirely to Watergate."

Cox, fired by Mr. Nixon last October, said he was most distressed by the transcript of Mr. Nixon's conversations on March 21, 1973, with former White House chief of staff H. R. Halde- man and former White House counsel John Dean.

That was the meeting at which Mr. Nixon has said he first learned of the Watergate coverup.

"I think it could be inferred that there was an intent to obstruct justice on that date," Cox said of the conversation. "He (Nixon) was present on March 21 and all those present were involved in the coverup."

"All I saw was a sort of sleazy discussion on how 'we' will manipulate, hold and hide," he said. "I didn't see anything about justice, the law or strengthening the law. I saw nothing of integrity."

Cox, here to address a Law Day banquet at Texas Southern University, was the first special prosecutor to look into the Watergate scandal. He was replaced by Jaworski, a Houston lawyer.

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