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Cox Says President Could Be Convicted For Refusing Data

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. May 30—Archibald Cox, the former special Watergate prosecutor, said today that President Nixon's continued refusal to give the House Judiciary Com-

deemed necessary for its impeachment inquiry would be ground enough for his impeachment by the House and conviction by the Senate.

Mr. Cox made his remarks in answer to questions at a news conference after delivering the commencement address at Rutgers University.

He said he would like to "reserve judgment until all the evidence is in," but added, "If the President pursues his refusal to give the committee all evidence it deems relevant, that would be grounds for impeachment on which I would say he ought to be convicted."

The Harvard law professor said that if the President had simply refused to give the committee any of the material it requested, the question would be clear. "But because he picks and chooses and gives what he sees fit, he has obscured the issue," Mr. Cox said.

Mr. Cox also said he did not accept the President's argument that he must protect the confidentiality of his office. "It would be valid, I think, without the opposing interests and the need to get to the heart of the matter," he said.

Mr. Cox said he saw both good and bad effects of the Watergate scandal. "It has created a feeling of distrust and a loss of confidence and despair," he said. "But it has aroused an idealism, a sense of right and wrong and I'm hopeful, in fact I'm quite confident, that the latter will prevail."