

Prosecutors Believe 26 Were Involved

Washington

The special Watergate prosecutors have decided that at least 26 persons, ranging from President Nixon to the original Watergate burglars, conspired to cover up the Watergate break-in, a number of sources disclosed yesterday.

Seven of the alleged co-conspirators were indicted this spring. Yesterday morning, the sources said, the prosecutors gave defense lawyers in the coverup case a list of 19 unindicted co-conspirators.

Mr. Nixon's name was on the list, as has already been reported. The grand jury that investigated the coverup voted to name him as an unindicted co-conspirator.

In addition, several sources said, the list includes Herbert W. Kalmbach, the President's personal lawyer; John W. Dean III, the President's former counsel; Jeb Stuart Magruder, the deputy director of the Committee to Re-Elect the President; and various other former campaign aides.

It also includes the names of seven original defendants in the Watergate burglary case, each of whom was convicted either at trial or by guilty plea for his role in the June 17, 1972, break-in at the Democratic National Headquarters at the Watergate complex here.

Seventeen names on the list were obtained by the New York Times from various sources. The prosecutors declined to make the list public or to comment on it.

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