

House Probe Counsels Call for Impeachment

Washington

The House Judiciary Committee's senior lawyers urged the committee yesterday to recommend a Senate trial of President Nixon on one or more of five central impeachment charges.

John M. Doar, the special counsel, told the committee as it began impeachment deliberations that he could not remain "indifferent" if Mr.

Nixon or any other president committed the "terrible deed of subverting the Constitution."

The special Republican counsel, Albert E. Jenner Jr., endorsed Doar's conclusions by admonishing the committee to live up to the standards set by the nation's founders.

Doar and Jenner submitted to the panel 29 potential

articles of impeachment — some drafted by the committee staff and others proposed by committee members — that represent various approaches to the following five fundamental allegations against Mr. Nixon:

- Obstruction of justice in Watergate and related scandals.

- Abuse of presidential power in dealings with government agencies.

- Contempt of Congress and the courts through the defiance of subpoenas for evidence.

- Failure to adhere to an explicit constitutional duty to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

- Denigration of the presidency through underpayment of federal income taxes and use of federal funds to improve personal property.

Along with the 29 potential charges against Mr. Nixon, Doar submitted a thick volume outlining a summary of the inquiry's key findings and suggesting harsh judgments about the President's conduct both before and after the 1972 Watergate burglary.

The proposed impeachment articles drafted at Doar's direction contained language accusing the President of "having made it his policy to cover up and conceal responsibility" for the Watergate break-in.

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