

Jaworski Balks At Reporting on Nixon Inquiry

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Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski refused yesterday to guarantee a full report on his investigations of former President Nixon even after the inquiries have been completed.

Citing what he called "substantial legal and ethical questions," Jaworski said he and his staff had tentatively concluded that they did not have the authority to make such a report under existing law.

Eight members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, where the special prosecutor's independent charter was hammered out, asked last week for Jaworski's assurances that his final report would include "a full and complete record detailing" Mr. Nixon's involvement in any Watergate-related investigations.

Jaworski took the position that he could make no such promise without an explicit congressional directive.

"Unless authorized, our primary concern relates to the protection of individual rights and to the proper scope of a prosecutor's treatment of criminal allegations," Jaworski said in a two-page reply to the senators.

President Ford said at his Monday night press conference that he was sure "the full story" of Mr. Nixon's involvement in Watergate-related investigations would come out, partly because Mr. Ford said he thought Jaworski would make such information available at the conclusion of his work.

Spokesman for the special prosecutor said, however, that the President's remarks were not "based on any communications with this office."

Apparently inviting special legislation that would clearly authorize him to lay out his findings concerning Mr. Nixon, Jaworski was seen on Capitol Hill yesterday at the offices of Rep. William L. Hungate (D-Mo.), a member of the House Judiciary Committee.

The eight members of the Senate Judiciary Committee had maintained that Jaworski's mandate needed no embellishment.

They pointed out in their letter to Jaworski that his charter gives him full authority to investigate "allegations involving the President" and requires him "upon comple-

tion of his assignment" to submit a final report to Congress.

The senators said they did not expect Jaworski to make any report on Mr. Nixon while it might prejudice any related court trials. They also suggested that it include any response the former President might want to make. But they maintained such a report was consistent with Jaworski's mandate, clearly in the national interest, and not at all affected by President Ford's blanket pardon.

Watergate prosecutors had told the White House before the pardon was granted that, aside from the Watergate cover-up case, there were 10 different inquiries under way involving Mr. Nixon although none of these had yet turned up any "probable criminal violation" on his part.

At hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee in May of 1973, the original Watergate special prosecutor, Archibald Cox, had said he expected to include in his final report a reasonably detailed account of his work, even where no action was taken.

Speaking of "individuals in high office," Cox assured Sen. Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.) that "all the facts with respect to them ought to come out."

Jaworski did not elaborate on the "legal and ethical questions" troubling him. A spokesman maintained, however, that "we can't make accusations in a report" under present law, even in light of the Nixon pardon which stands in the way of any indictment.