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Saxbe Gives Ruth Edge For the Jaworski Post

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 16 (AP) Attorney General WilliamB. Saxbe said today that Henry Ruth, the deputy Watergate prosecutor, was contender for the nomination to replace Leon Jaworski, the special prosecutor.

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The Attorney General said he would decide early next week on his recommendation for a successor to Mr. Jaworski, who has submitted his resignation effective Oct. 25 after nearly a year in marge of the Watergate prosecution force.

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In response to questions at a news conference, Mr. Saxbe said he couldn't say whether others were in the running for the nomination, because he had not yet given it his full attention.

He said he would probably confer with President Ford on the choice early next week.