

JAWORSKI EXPECTS TRIAL TO DISCLOSE NIXON'S FULL ROLE

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Says More Watergate Tapes Will Probably Be Made Public in Testimony

A RESPONSE TO CRITICS

He Defends Decisions Not to Indict Ex-President or to Challenge His Pardon

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 — Leon Jaworski said today he believed that the full story of Richard M. Nixon's role in the Watergate affair would emerge during the current trial of Mr. Nixon's former top assistants.

The special Watergate prosecutor said he expected most of the White House tape recordings his office had obtained through a decision of the Supreme Court to be made public during the trial.

Mr. Jaworski said he would like to see all 64 tapes made public even if some did not figure in the trial.

Responds to Critics

He defended himself against critics who have said he should have pressed for an indictment of Mr. Nixon and that he should have contested President Ford's pardon of the former President.

"I believe by the time the trial that is now in progress has completely unfolded, together with the evidence that has already been mentioned by the House Judiciary Committee in its report, I think you are going to have the story of Watergate and Mr. Nixon's involvement in Watergate," Mr. Jaworski declared.

He said there was some information that had not yet come out, but he dismissed the idea that there might be major new disclosures.

"I don't think they are anything more than cumulative," he said.

Mr. Jaworski, whose resignation becomes effective Friday, said he should have been consulted, but was not, concerning President Ford's agreement with Mr. Nixon on the disposi-

tion of the tapes and other documents.

Agreement on Tapes

He has an agreement with the White House, Mr. Jaworski said on the National Broadcasting Company's television program "Meet the Press," that neither tapes nor documents be sent to California while they were still needed by the special prosecutor's office.

Mr. Jaworski did not say, however, how long that agreement was to run. He said it was "for the time being."

Defending himself against recent criticism, Mr. Jaworski said he could not have challenged the Presidential pardon of Mr. Nixon because his

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job did not give him authority to do so.

Conceding that he could have pressed for an indictment of Mr. Nixon before the pardon, he said that doing so would have "completely messed up" the forthcoming trial of Mr. Nixon's aides. Mr. Jaworski declined to say whether or not he agreed with Mr. Ford's decision to pardon Mr. Nixon.

"I have refused to divulge my own beliefs with respect to this matter because I honestly think the inquiry has been mooted by the granting of the pardon," he said.

Mr. Jaworski made it clear that he did not think an indictment of Mr. Nixon would have delayed or prevented the pardon.

He also said he did not think the pardon completely removed from Mr. Nixon the pos-

sibility of refusing to testify on the ground of self-incrimination. He said that the former President might still plead the Fifth Amendment on the ground that the pardon protected him only against Federal prosecution.

Asked if he were "100 per cent satisfied" with Mr. Ford's account of the reasons for the pardon, Mr. Jaworski said "No." He did not explain why.

In answer to another question, he said he did not believe the work of his office had been subverted by the pardon.

Use of Pardon Power

Asked if thought it fair that other involved in Watergate be prosecuted while Mr. Nixon went free, Mr. Jaworski said he thought the pardoning power was one that ought to be exercised individually and on the basis of individual facts.

"I think in the instances of the men now involved, it is appropriate for them to ask for whatever clemency or pardon they may wish," he said. "If there is anything in the situation that warrants their having a pardon granted or clemency extended, as President Ford felt was true in the case of Mr. Nixon, then obviously it is up to President Ford to do it."

Mr. Jaworski said he did not know whether there would be indictments related to the 18½-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings. He said an inquiry into this incident had been followed through "with considerable determination" and he noted that the grand jury had not yet been adjourned.



Associated Press

Leon Jaworski discussing his work as special Watergate prosecutor.

Jesuit Editor Who Reported On Nixon Aide Is Dismissed

BOSTON, Oct. 20 (AP)—The editor of the New England Jesuit newspaper who wrote about a possible church crackdown on priests in politics has been discharged.

The Rev. James G. Hietter, News of two years, said Saturday that "a deep difference in opinion about news" was the reason for his dismissal by the New England Jesuit Provincial, the Rev. Richard T. Cleary.