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(Reuters) — Former President Richard M. Nixon's lawyers today asked a Federal court to block Watergate prosecutors from conducting a "freewheeling rummage" through his personal files.

Herbert J. Miller Jr., Mr. Nixon's Washington lawyer, asked for a temporary restraining order to stop the special prosecutor, Henry S. Ruth Jr., from going through the former President's White House tapes and files without authorization from a court or Mr. Nixon.

The request was prompted by a Nov. 9 agreement between the special prosecutor and President Ford's lawyers giving Watergate investigators the right to search Presidential materials and copy any tapes or documents they determine might be needed for criminal proceedings.

Mr. Miller argued that the agreement "is a flagrant intrusion on Mr. Nixon's rights both as a citizen and as former President of the United States."