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House Panel, Ruth to Meet On Watergate

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Watergate Special Prosecutor Henry S. Ruth Jr. will meet with the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee for a discussion of the Watergate investigation and the final report, Chairman William L. Hungate (D-Mo.), said Thursday. *16 Jul* *17 Jul*

The (subcommittee voted Wednesday) for an opportunity to question Ruth, and Hungate said the prosecutor agreed readily: "He has been most cooperative." No date has been set.

The third and final Watergate grand jury has now been dismissed, and Ruth goes out of office in about two months.

Hungate said it is important that there be no hint of a cover-up and the subcommittee wants to give Ruth its views on the writing of the report—a wrapup of the long Watergate investigation.

"The fact that Mr. Nixon resigned and there was no impeachment trial where more information might have been developed is a factor . . .," Hungate said. "I have no reason to believe Mr. Ruth has not done everything a conscientious man should do."

Hungate said the subcommittee plans to question Ruth behind closed doors to safeguard sensitive information and avoid damage to persons who might have been named in evidence but not indicted.

The subcommittee questions, he said, will be directed to the thoroughness of the investigation, the nature of the report and the ultimate disposition of the documents and other evidence gathered by the grand jury.