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Attorney General Edward H. Levi said yesterday he will urge that the Watergate Special prosecutor's office be kept open until the appeals from several of its cases are settled.

Levi said in an interview that he plans to meet with Henry S. Ruth, the special prosecutor, and

ask Ruth to stay on or to propose that another special prosecutor be appointed to continue the office's operation.

Levi said he is "terribly concerned" about the proposal to close the special prosecutor's office next month and turn over open cases to the Justice Department. New York Times_