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## Watergate

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Watergate Special Prosecutor Henry S. Ruth Jr. has been offered a post as head of an expanded criminal justice section in the Urban Institute in Washington, but has not yet decided whether he will accept the post.

A spokesman for the special prosecutor's office confirmed yesterday that Ruth had been approached by the Urban Institute, a non-governmental, non-profit research organization dealing with the problems of American metropolitan areas.

However, the spokesman said, "He definitely has not accepted, and he doesn't know whether he will or not."

Ruth, who succeeded Leon Jaworski as special prosecutor last October, is on record as wanting to phase out his office sometime this fall after completion of a final report on its investigations, as the regulation creating the office permits him to do.

He repeated this recommendation most recently on July 31 in testimony before the Senate Government Operations Committee. He told the committee that a permanent independent prosecutor, free of restraints, might create more abuses of power than remedies.

This stance has placed him at odds with Attorney General Edward H. Levi, who has said publicly that he believes the special prosecutor's office should be kept functioning. Levi and Ruth tentatively plan to discuss within the next few days the question of Ruth's remaining in office, but sources in the prosecutor's office say that Ruth remains determined to leave, probably by the end of September.