

Ford Aide's Reply on 'Fund Probe'

Miami

White House chief of staff Richard B. Cheney said last night that President Ford has no plans to ask the special Watergate prosecutor about reports he is under investigation.

"There are no plans for that," Cheney told reporters aboard Air Force One, carrying the President from Mobile, Ala. to Miami.

"All of that material was received previously," he said "there's nothing new.

"If there was, they would say so," Cheney said.

Talking casually, Cheney said if the prosecutor was investigating the President, "they would contact him."

Pressed about Ford taking action in regard to published reports, Cheney said, "that would assume the question needs to be asked. I do not think it does."

"We feel no obligation to ask," he said.

The Washington Post reported in its Monday editions that Watergate special prosecutor Charles Ruff was investigating "serious" and "significant" allegations that Ford, while a congressman, illegally diverted campaign contributions to personal or improper political use.

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