

**CONYERS URGES AN INQUIRY
ON FORD WATERGATE ROLE**

Representative John Conyers Jr., Democrat of Michigan, yesterday called on the special Watergate prosecutor to investigate the possibility that President Ford perjured himself before two Congressional committees when he said that his predecessor, Mr. Richard M. Nixon, did not order him to block a Congressional inquiry into Watergate crimes.

In a letter dated Oct. 8, to the prosecutor, Charles F. Ruff, Mr. Conyers requested that the investigation check unreleased tapes of "numerous conversations" between Mr. Ford, then the House minority leader, President Nixon and White House aides.

Mr. Ford testified during House and

Senate Judiciary Committee investigations into his nomination for Vice President that he had tried to block an investigation by the House Committee on Banking and Currency into the source of money found on the Watergate burglars when they were arrested in 1972.

But, he said, he tried to block the inquiry of the committee, headed by the late Wright Patman, because he felt it would set a bad precedent for investigations into Presidential affairs.

Mr. Conyers, who released copies of the letter during a news conference at the New York Hilton Hotel, said he had read statements to the contrary in excerpts from "Blind Ambition," John W. Dean 3d's upcoming book about the Watergate crisis.