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[Elizabeth Holtzman, a member of the House Judiciary Committee; has sent a letter to Attorney General Levi and asked for an immediate inquiry into allegations that Mr. Ford tried to halt the Watergate investigation at the request of the Nixon White House.

[Holtzman, voice:] The matter has raised a cloud over the election at this time, and I think that in fairness to the President and in fairness to the American people these serious allegations ought to be resolved. We should not put the American people in the situation they were in in 1972, when they were faced with the re-election of somebody who could be facing criminal charges. We've been through that once and we don't need the repetition of that.

News caster: Congresswoman Holtzman had asked Special Prosecutor Charles Ruff to investigate but Ruff says it's a matter for the Justice Department.

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