WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTION FORCE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE *

Memorandum

TO : Henry S. Ruth, Jr.

DATE: January 14, 1974

FROM : Leon Jaworski

SUBJECT:

I feel the existence of a void on our staff in that there is no one with sufficient defense experience to counsel us on matters pertaining to that function. We appear to be amply supplied with prosecutorial experience, but I feel the need of some defense experience as well. In fact, I am somewhat doubtful that we can give some of the factual situations that have arisen and will arise proper evaluation unless we have more experience on our staff capable of appraising matters of defense.

Accordingly, I wish you would give me your views on two matters:

(a) How can we establish such a position on our table of organization?

How much authority do I have to designate the salary of this individual - or should he be placed on a consultant basis? He could carry the title of Special Counsel to the Prosecutor or some similar title.

(b) Do you have any recommendations of qualified individuals to serve in such a position? The person selected should come from outside of Government and have had substantial experience in the defense of criminal cases.

A copy is going to Phil Lacovara. I wish that the two of you would give this matter consideration as soon as practicable and then get with me for a discussion.

Phil Lacovara