

"Cox untroubled by character assassination of renowned career prosecutor" [See text p]

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Honorable Archibald Cox
Special Prosecutor

DATE: June 5, 1973

FROM : Earl J. Silbert
Principal Assistant
United States Attorney

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SUBJECT: News Media Publicity re Henry Petersen

Recent news media publicity, particularly an article in today's New York Times, indicates that Henry Petersen is a subject of the investigation into the Watergate coverup.

This news media publicity is tremendously disturbing. While, as you know, it is our belief that Mr. Petersen is a necessary witness to the obstruction of justice perpetrated by the White House, particularly with respect to the conduct of John Dean, there is absolutely no evidence known to the grand jury investigation that Mr. Petersen participated in, contributed to, or knew of any coverup. It would be totally unfair in my view and that of my associates, Mr. Glanzer and Mr. Campbell, to permit the totally misleading effects of this news media publicity to reflect adversely on a man whose long record of public service has been characterized by integrity and devotion to law enforcement.

cc: Henry E. Petersen

It would not be appropriate for me to make a statement on this

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I sent him a note saying that we did not leak