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Today's action seems to indicate that Mr. Cox was fired not to protect the tapes, but to get rid of Mr. Cox and his special investigating office.

I think that gives us even more reason to create a special prosecutor totally independent from the White House. We must assure that the evidence gathered by Mr. Cox is protected.

Further, I believe Congress should continue the inquiry to determine if there are grounds for impeachment proceedings. The tapes controversy is only one of many serious questions which have shrouded the White House with doubt. Congress has a duty to take whatever action is necessary to clear the air and get our government moving again.

sanitized to Congress / Have no papers - like indictments  
route to Congress

should would  
be over congress  
reaction here  
no formal effect -  
on others by participating

public doesn't believe him confidence rating  
below 34% - we must act to either clear the  
air & give him a clean bill of health or a bill  
of impeachment -  
Nixon leading country to 34%  
worse than no action at all - this cloud is  
dark up to clear the air

more judiciously subpoena  
chief counsel  
special prosecutor

8th Cir \* 5th Cir