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4 Lawyers Retained to Aid Nixon

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The White House has brought in four government lawyers to assist President Nixon's special Watergate legal staff, sources said yesterday.

It is understood that two of the men specialize in handling criminal prosecutions. They have been detailed by the Justice Department to assist the office of White House counsel on Watergate and Watergate-related matters, the sources said.

All four are expected to concentrate on matters brought out by the Senate Watergate committee. They will help prepare witnesses and accompany White House staffers for closed-door interviews with Senate investigators.

The White House already has several lawyers working on Watergate and other related legal problems. Leonard Garment, who replaced John W. Dean III as White House counsel, deals with some Watergate matters. Special presidential counsel J. Fred Buzhardt and Texas law professor Charles Alan Wright were brought in to work specifically on the scandal and how the White House would respond.

The new lawyers are assistant U.S. attorneys Paul S. Tribble Jr., 26, and Kenneth Gregory Haynes, 27, both based in Alexandria, Va.; Richard Alan Hauser, 30, from the office of criminal justice in the Justice Department; and George P. Williams, 29, recently transferred to the antitrust division of the Justice Department after serving in the department's fraud section of the civil division.