



(AP) Telephoto  
JOHN R. STILES  
Campaign adviser

## Ford Aide Killed in Auto Crash

Belmont, Mich.

John R. Stiles, 50, President Ford's campaign manager in his first bid for elective office and a special adviser to the President's 1976 election campaign, was found dead yesterday beside his wrecked car. Kent county sheriff's deputies said.

Stiles was alone in the car, which was discovered by a passerby, authorities said.

Deputies said Stiles' car apparently struck a metal post, went out of control and plunged 12 feet off the opposite side of the road, overturning in a shallow stream.

Since serving as campaign manager when Mr. Ford first ran for Congress from Grand Rapids in 1948, Stiles had worked on behalf of GOP candidates in several states.

Stiles was coauthor with Mr. Ford of the book, "Portrait of an Assassin," dealing with Lee Harvey Oswald. The Warren commission, which investigated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, said Oswald was the assassin. Mr. Ford was a member of the Warren commission.