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Haldeman Silent On Plot Report

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23 (UPI) — H. R. Bob Haldeman, Richard M. Nixon's former chief of staff, refused to comment on a report that Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt Jr. says he was once ordered by a high White House official to assassinate columnist Jack Anderson.

Haldeman now lives in seclusion here. The Washington Post Sunday reported the alleged plot to kill Anderson five years ago, before the Watergate break-in.

Haldeman almost never speaks to reporters, but a friend, Z. Wayne Griffin, relayed a question from UPI and Haldeman's reply. "Bob never met Hunt and only saw him when he was a government witness in Haldeman's trial," Griffin said Monday. "His comment is 'no comment.'"