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Judge Tells U.S. Not to Aid Colson

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declassification of Pentagon papers.

A federal judge ruled yesterday that the Justice Department could not represent White House aide Charles W. Colson in the \$1 million civil suit the Democrats have filed against the Republicans in the June break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters.

Since the Justice Department is involved in the investigation, Judge Charles Richey said there would be conflict of interest.

"Such special representation will not be condoned by this court," Richey said, "because the Justice Department is otherwise engaged, through other employees, in a criminal investigation of the subject matter which is akin" to the suit.

COLSON, AN ADVISER on domestic affairs to President Nixon, employed two of the principals in the case as part-time consultants to the President.

E. Howard Hunt, whose name was found in the address books of two of the suspects arrested in the case, had a desk in the Old Executive Office Building next to the White House where he worked on narcotics legislation and the

G. Gordon Liddy, counselor to the finance branch of the Committee to Re-elect the President, was involved in the White House's Project Intercept, a plan aimed at confiscating drugs coming across the Mexican Border.

LIDDY WAS FIRED from the committee last month after he failed to cooperate with the FBI agents investigating the break-in case.

Colson was to have been represented by Irwin Goldblum, special litigation counsel for the Justice Department's Civil Division.

Richey gave Colson 10 days to find a new lawyer and received any notices of depositions to be served on Colson "until such time the new counsel has had an opportunity to acquaint himself with the case."

In a related action yesterday the judge officially authorized Douglas Caddy to withdraw as attorney for the five men police said they arrested inside the Democratic National Committee Headquarters.

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CADDY, WHO ALSO claims to represent Liddy, appeared at the police station shortly after the five men were arrested early on the morning of June 17.

According to the judge's order the men will now be represented by Henry B. Rothblatt, a New York lawyer who previously has been identified as the attorney for Bernard Barker, a Miami real estate agent and one of the five men charged in the incident.

Also charged were James McCord, security chief for the President's reelection committee; Frank Sturgis, a soldier of fortune active in the anti-Castro movement; Virgilio Gonzales, a Miami locksmith, and Eugene Martinez, a Miami real estate salesman.