

Nixon Aide Caulfield Hired From Police Force

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John J. Caulfield, named yesterday by James W. McCord Jr. as the man who gave him offers of executive clemency during the Watergate trial, worked three years as a staff assistant to President Nixon after 16 years as a New York City police detective.

For the past five months, Caulfield, 44, has been head of the Treasury Department's 1,600 special agents who enforce gun control and alcohol tax laws.

A Treasury spokesman said yesterday that Caulfield now has been placed on administrative leave, but continues to draw his \$31,000-a-year salary.

A burly, native New Yorker with short black hair, Caulfield spent 10 years on the special New York City police unit that investigates subversives and also protects visiting dignitaries, including the President and vice president.

According to a biography he prepared for the Treasury Department, Caulfield took a leave of absence during the 1968 presidential campaign "at the request of Richard Nixon" and served Mr. Nixon as an "advisor-consultant" on security arrangements.

He returned to the New York police department briefly after the campaign, but left again on "indefinite

leave" in April, 1969, to work on the White House staff.

In his request for leave, according to New York police records, Caulfield said he would "perform law enforcement liaison within the Executive Branch of the U.S. government at the request of the Attorney General" (then John N. Mitchell).

But at the White House, Caulfield worked first as an aide to John D. Ehrlichman, who was then the presidential counsel. He later worked for John W. Dean III, who followed Ehrlichman in that job.

According to Senate sources, Caulfield has told investigators that Dean told him to offer clemency to McCord in return for silence, but that others beside Dean were also involved.

In his official biography, Caulfield said he had a "broad range of duties" at the White House, "dealing specifically with the implementation of the administration's law enforcement programs." He said he also helped set up the new Executive Protective Service in 1970.

Last night on WNBC television in New York, columnist Jimmy Breslin, who said he knows Caulfield, said the ex-policeman also handled special investigations for Ehrlichman. Breslin said that when Newsday, a Long Island



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newspaper, published an investigation of real estate deals by Mr. Nixon's friend, Bebe Rebozo, in 1971, Caulfield came to New York "to ask about Newsday reporters and editors."

In March, 1972, Life magazine published a long article containing charges that Caulfield took part in Nixon administration efforts to quash criminal prosecutions of wealthy Republicans in San Diego.

The article, by reporters Denny Walsh and Tom Flaherty, said Caulfield tried repeatedly to get an Internal Revenue Service agent to speak to Ehrlichman about

one case without telling senior IRS officials about it.

Caulfield told Life that he did make inquiries about the cases, involving San Diego businessman John Alessio, in June, 1970, but Caulfield denied that he ever spoke to the IRS agent.

In late 1972, while still working at the White House, Caulfield helped McCord get his job as security director at the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

Caulfield went to the committee himself in March, 1972, as an "aide-consultant," working under Jeb Stuart Magruder, then the committee chief of staff, according to his Treasury Department biography.

He moved to the Treasury Department a month later, working first as a consultant and special assistant to Martin Pollner, then the department's director of law enforcement. Pollner, who returned to New York to practice law last month, had been a member of the law firm in which President Nixon and John Mitchell were senior partners.

In December, 1972, Caulfield took his present job as assistant director for criminal enforcement of the Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

He asked for a week's vacation last Friday, a Treasury spokesman said, two days before the Los Angeles Times published the first re-

ports that Caulfield tried to pressure McCord.

On Wednesday, the spokesman said, Caulfield met with Treasury Secretary George Shultz who decided to place him on administrative leave and have another man fill his job, starting Monday.

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