

Caulfield Resignation Accepted at Treasury

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Secretary of the Treasury George Schultz yesterday announced he is accepting the resignation from the Treasury Department of John J. Caulfield, who has testified that he offered executive clemency to a Watergate defendant.

Schultz said in a statement that he told Caulfield, "Your resignation is hereby accepted, effective as of the close of business today."

Treasury sources said Schultz requested Caulfield's resignation.

Caulfield had been assistant director for criminal enforcement in the Bureau of

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

He was placed on administrative leave with pay after his involvement with Watergate burglar James W. McCord became known two weeks ago.

Caulfield, 44, acknowledged to the select Senate Watergate committee that before joining the Treasury Department he offered McCord executive clemency on instructions of then-White House counsel John Dean. He has said he thought President Nixon knew of the offer.