

Angry Weicker Orders Colson From His Office

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The 6-foot-6 Republican senator and outspoken Watergate investigator, Lowell P. Weicker of Connecticut, blew up yesterday morning. The day before he'd given his impassioned speech before national television, defending his party and damning those in the White House who created Watergate.

At 8 a.m. in his office in the Old Senate Office Building with his blue crew oar from Yale hung behind his desk, Weicker met with former White House special counsel Charles W. Colson, who, according to many allegations, was the master dirty trickster.

Colson had come to smooth the waters Weicker had been churning for months. Colson came to pro-

test his innocence, as he has so often done.

The meeting lasted only 12 minutes. Colson said Weicker must be carrying a "grudge" of some sort, according to written notes provided to The Washington Post by a participant in the meeting.

"I don't have any grudge against you," Weicker said. "I don't know you . . . But I do know what you stand for, Mr. Colson, and we live in two different worlds. I deal in hard-nosed politics . . . you deal in crap."

Colson, accompanied to the meeting by his law partner David Shapiro, said he had nothing to do with drafting an enemies list of Nixon administration opponents who would be tar-

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getted for unfavorable action by government agencies.

"Oh," said Weicker, who then asked about a memo Colson had allegedly written last year requesting an Internal Revenue Service audit of a Teamster labor union official who opposed the President.

"Well, yes," Colson said, he had written that particular memo given to the Watergate committee by former presidential counsel John W. Dean III.

"Well, that is just great, Mr. Colson," Weicker said.

"Let me tell you something . . . you make me sick. That's just disgusting—the kind of things you suggest in that memo. You can just get your ass out of my office, because you make me sick and I don't even want you in here."

Weicker then jumped to his feet, according to two separate accounts of the meeting.

"Go ahead," the hulking Senator said pointing to the large mahogany door. "You can leave now, because I just don't even want to talk to you any more."

Colson, the quick talker, was stunned, according to two accounts. "Colson was led from the room like a punchdrunk fighter," according to one of Weicker's staff members.

Shapiro, who has been personally acting as Colson's attorney as the allegations of unsavory activity mount against Colson, said yesterday "I have nothing whatever to say" about the meeting with Weicker.

On Thursday, Weicker accused Colson of trying to influence the committee by planting a phony story with

reporters that Weicker had improperly handled campaign contributions to his 1970 election campaign in Connecticut.

Colson, who is expected to be a witness before the Watergate committee in the near future, issued a denial of the charge on Thursday saying, "At no time have I ever tried to interfere with the activities of the Senate committee . . . I know of nothing improper or any way out of the ordinary with respect to any assistance

Sen. Weicker received from any Republican organization in 1970 . . . nor have I ever suggested there was."

In the meeting with Weicker yesterday, Colson did acknowledge that he talked with one reporter about the financing of Weicker's campaign.

Colson defended his service to the President, saying it amounted to "hard-nosed politics . . . I'm proud of what I've done for the President."