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Q. Who was responsible for appointing to the staff of the White House Mr. Charles Colson, in charge of the Department of Dirty Tricks? Also, is there any chance that Colson, Herbert Kalmbach, John Ehrlichman, John Dean and other lawyers associated with Nixon and Watergate will be barred from the practice of law?—D.V., Washington, D.C.

A. According to his secretary, Charles Colson was recommended by a personal friend, Bryce Harlow, the lobbyist for Proctor & Gamble, and appointed White House special counsel by Richard Nixon. Colson served the President from Nov. 6, 1969, to March 10, 1973. It was Colson who hired E. Howard Hunt, the ringleader of the Watergate operation, and helped prepare the now widely disseminated list of "Enemy Americans."

As to whether Colson, Ehrlichman, Dean and Kalmbach will be disbarred, that depends on which, if any charges, are filed and proved against them by local bar associations or other interested parties.