

# Colson Also Is Seeking Nixon Tapes Subpoena

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Former presidential aide Charles W. Colson has joined Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski in requesting a subpoena for more than five dozen White House conversations.

Colson, former special counsel to President Nixon and a defendant in the Watergate cover-up case, filed a motion in U.S. District Court yesterday joining Jaworski and adopting the special prosecutor's reasons for requesting the subpoena.

Colson asked that he "be permitted to inspect all such materials" along with attorneys for the government.

Nixon's lawyers apparently don't intend to object to Jaworski's request.

"It is my understanding we would not have a role prior to the judge's making a decision on this," Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren said Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica withheld any immediate decision on Jaworski's request

for the subpoena. The judge's law clerk spent the day researching precedents for Sirica, who is on vacation.

Jaworski asked Sirica on Tuesday to subpoena taped and documents relating to conversations Nixon had with his principal aides—H. R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman and Colson—in the year after the June 17, 1972, Watergate break-in. The former assistants, along with four other men, are scheduled to go on trial Sept. 9 on conspiracy charges stemming from the Watergate cover-up.

Jaworski said he needs the White House information for the trial and said his informal requests had been ignored.

The White House had the opportunity to file motions in response to Jaworski, but apparently chose not to.

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said "if the subpoena results, we will study that."

Sirica gave no indication whether he will call a hearing before making a decision.