

In Bugging Incident Suit

Justice Dept. Lawyer Defends Aide to Nixon

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The Justice Department, which is prosecuting five men in connection with the alleged electronic bugging incident at the Democratic National Committee headquarters here on June 17, has assigned a lawyer from its civil division to defend Presidential assistant Charles W. Colson in a civil suit stemming from the case.

A spokesman for Justice said last night that there was no conflict of interest in the assignment, and said that the civil division lawyer had been instructed not to have any contact with any of the department's criminal division lawyers working on the case.

The Justice Department said that Irwin Goldbloom has been assigned by Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst to represent Colson and

Alfred Wong, a special agent of the Secret Service.

Sources close to the investigation said that Wong recommended former CIA employee James W. McCord to the position of security chief of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President.

McCord was one of five men arrested in the Watergate office complex on June 17. He also held a contract to provide security services for the Republican National Committee.

Colson, a special counsel to President Nixon, recommended another former CIA employe, E. Howard Hunt Jr., to become a special White House consultant. Hunt's name was listed in the address books of two of the five men arrested at the Watergate.

A \$1-million suit was filed last month by then Democratic Party Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien against the Committee for the Re-Election of the President. The suit named Colson and Wong, among others.

The Justice Department said last night that Goldbloom was "almost on detached service" and would not have any contact with the criminal division attorneys who are gathering evidence against McCord and other defendants in the Watergate case.