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Army Told to Promote Ex-Aide to Ehrlichman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 — The Pentagon confirmed today that a military aide to the former White House domestic adviser, John D. Ehrlichman, had been ordered promoted over the objections of the Army.

A spokesman said the order to promote Lieut. Col. Dana G. Mead had come from President Nixon. He said the promotion board had been reversed, adding "The directions came from the Commander in Chief and we were acting on them."

Mead's name was not on a list of newly selected colonels routinely handed down by an Army promotion board last September.