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Personalities

Houston attorney Leon Jaworski says the bait of an appointment to the U. S. Supreme Court was dangled before him when he arrived in Washington to discuss his appointment as special Watergate prosecutor.

Jaworski relates in his new book, "The Right and the Power," that Gen. Alexander Haig, President Nixon's chief of staff, told him almost immediately upon greeting him at Andrews Air Force base: "You're highly regarded, and it's no secret that you're high on the list for appointment to the Supreme Court."

Jaworski writes: "I suppressed a smile. The remark could have been part flattery, part fact, but I suspected it was all bait."

He says he replied: "My serving on the Supreme Court was discussed in the Lyndon Johnson administration. I had no interest in it then and I have none now."

Jaworski also says he believes Nixon would have remained in office if he had destroyed his tapes.