

# Ziegler Cites 'Mistakes' by Legal Staff

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The White House legal staff has made "some mistakes" and the office is being reorganized to bring in new legal talent to assist in President Nixon's Watergate defense, press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said yesterday.

John J. Sullivan, a Chicago attorney and an old friend of the President, has joined the counsel's office to work on Watergate issues, Ziegler said after what appeared to be a rebuke to J. Fred Buzhardt Jr., who has handled the bulk of the court work involving Watergate.

Buzhardt is expected to remain in the counsel's office, but Leonard Garment, who has assisted Buzhardt in the legal work, is expected to leave the counsel's office and resume his work as an adviser on cultural and minority affairs.

When Buzhardt was told at U.S. District Court here of Ziegler's comments, the



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counsel said he "wouldn't disagree" with the press secretary's comment that he was overworked, and added: "I've never pretended I was perfect."

Buzhardt said he expected to remain on the Watergate case. Ziegler also said Buzhardt would continue in



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the counsel's office but would delegate authority to others being brought in, including Sullivan.

In a lengthy and impassioned defense of the President together with an attack on his critics, Ziegler assailed members of the Watergate special prosecu-

tor's staff as biased and politically motivated.

But he exempted Leon Jaworski, the chief prosecutor, from the attack. Jaworski is a "very responsible and fair man," Ziegler said.

However, members of his staff, whom former prosecutor Archibald Cox recruited, have displayed "ingrained suspicion and visceral dislike for this President and this administration," Ziegler said.

When asked whether the President has full confidence in Buzhardt, Ziegler replied: "I don't want to express any public dissatisfaction in relation to the work of any individual."

When a reporter asked if he was not cutting off Buzhardt at the knees, Ziegler said he was not and that Buzhardt "is doing a good job and will continue to do a good job."

Acknowledging that mistakes have been made, particularly in relation to public disclosure of the gap in

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one of the subpoenaed tape recordings, Ziegler said that does not mean the President is dissatisfied but that he recognizes additional help is needed.

Ziegler said that H. Chapman Rose, former under secretary of the Treasury and a Cleveland attorney, and Kenneth W. Gemmill, a Philadelphia attorney and former counsel at the Internal Revenue Service, have volunteered their services to assist the President.

Ziegler said, we have provided all the crucial material needed to determine what the facts are and now it is said we should give more and more.

"We said earlier that once we provided the subpoenaed tapes that that won't satisfy some and there would be more requests." Some persons want to "scavenge through and ravage all of the President's conversations," Ziegler said.

The press secretary promised that the White House would make public next week a full report on Mr. Nixon's financial and tax position that would be "verifiable and accurate."

But he hinted that copies of the President's income tax returns would not be made available.

Tapes of presidential conversations turned over to U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica, with the exception of the one tape with an 18-minute gap, are "intact," Ziegler maintained. "There has been no tampering with the tapes."

He conducted the regular White House news briefing yesterday in the absence of his deputy, Gerald L. Warren, who was ill. Ziegler is one of the staff members working on the financial report and other documents Mr. Nixon has promised in answer to charges of corruption in his administration.