

White House Concedes Nixon Spoke to Powell

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (AP)—The White House acknowledged today that President Nixon had talked with Lewis F. Powell Jr. several days before announcing his nomination to the Supreme Court. But a spokesman said that Mr. Powell was not asked specifically to accept the nomination until the day Mr. Nixon announced it.

A special American Bar Association report yesterday said Attorney General John N. Mitchell had offered the nomination to Mr. Powell, a Richmond, Va., attorney, before the bar group had found that the Administration's two top candidates for the court were unqualified."

The bar group's report said the offer to Mr. Powell on Oct. 19 was quickly followed a personal plea from President Nixon.

Presidential press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, told newsmen earlier that the President had not talked with Mr. Powell until Oct. 21.