

Nixon Aides Now Fill Key Agency Jobs

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Although many people who worked in the White House during President Nixon's first term and in his re-election campaign are now in legal trouble arising out of the Watergate affair, many more are in power in Cabinet departments and independent federal regulatory agencies.

It became clear shortly after last November's presidential election that Mr. Nixon wanted to make the government more "responsive" by putting individuals with established loyalty to the White House into key positions.

Except for a few well-publicized major appointments, including the nominations of Frank C. Carlucci as under secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Alexander P. Butterfield as administrator of the Federal

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Aviation Administration, the success of the effort has not previously been clear.

But according to partial surveys conducted by congressional committees and The Washington Post, it has resulted in the distribution of well over 100 people throughout the federal bureaucracy.

This practice, of course, is not original. Andrew Jackson introduced the "spoils system" early in the 19th Century and every administration has rewarded its political allies with governmental appointments.

In the case of the present administration, people once employed by the Committee for the Re-election of the President, the Inaugural Committee, the White House or within the Executive Office of the President, are now serving in roles ranging from policy makers to clerks and typists.

The arrived at their new jobs, for the most part, quietly and without fanfare—sometimes even without the knowledge of the agency head they work for.

In the view of some leaders on Capitol Hill, such as Rep. Harley O. Staggers (D-W.Va.), chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, the phenomenon poses grave prospects of executive and political domination of theoretically independent agencies.

CRP, at its peak, employed 425 people, according to a spokesman, and The Post's partial survey indicates that at least 30 per cent of them have obtained federal employment since the 1972 election.

Staggers' Special Subcommittee on Investigations polled the Department of Commerce and 12 other agencies under its jurisdiction recently and discovered that 84 people previously tied to the President's campaign or the Executive Office have been farmed out into the agencies ranks.

By far the biggest response came from the Commerce Department, where 25 employees with links to the President, including two departmental executives have arrived since the election.

The best known, of course, is Jeb Stuart Magruder, who, after serving as deputy campaign director of CRP and executive director of Mr. Nixon's inaugural committee took over the Commerce Department's Office of Policy Development last March.

Magruder resigned after he became implicated in the Watergate scandal, but many others were left behind.

Alex M. Armendaris, for example, who was director of CRP's "Spanish-speaking committee" for a full year, became director of the department's Office of Minority Business enterprise last April 10. He had previously been a consultant to the President's Advisory Council on Minority Business.

John F. Evans, who was assistant director of the White House Domestic Council under former presidential aide John D. Ehrlichman for 2½ years, moved over to become an assistant to Commerce Secretary Frederick B. Dent.

As the Commerce Department explained in its response to Staggers, Evans "performs duties which encompass the entire scope of the department's programs and activities."

Close behind the Commerce Department was the Environmental Protection Agency, which listed 20 people, including seven consultants, who came aboard after being closely associated with the campaign or the Executive Office.

Some had relevant experience with such units as the

Council on Environmental Quality or the Office of Science and Technology.

But others came from clearly political backgrounds — for example, EPA's public affairs director, Ann L. Dore, who had worked with CRP since December, 1971, and George R. Mehocic, who served four months with CRP before becoming a "confidential representative" to the White House for an assistant administrator at EPA.

Two former employees of CRP, Theodore Wigger and Alice C. Johnston, are now working in the environmental agency's Boston regional office.

James W. Hunt was a \$70-a-day consultant to EPA for four months beginning last December after working with CRP's state organization in Illinois. A graduate student from California, Brian L. Gauthier, who worked with CRP in that state, earned \$54 a day for three months for providing "expert advice" to the director of EPA's office of Education and Manpower Planning.

The former administrator of EPA, William D. Ruckelshaus—who served more recently as acting director of the FBI and is now awaiting a major Justice Department appointment—said yesterday through a spokesman that he recognized only 3 of the 22 names on that agency's list.

Ruckelshaus explained that he personally approved those three on the basis of their qualifications, but did not understand how the others got their jobs.

The Agriculture Department hired 17 people from CRP and three from the White House after the election, in a variety of positions, but many have already left for other jobs.

One who is still there, serving as a "confidential assistant" to Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz, is Stephen B. King, the former CRP security guard who served as a bodyguard for Martha Mitchell, wife of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, and allegedly injected her with a sedative in California on the weekend of the Watergate break-in last June.

There were a number of surprises on the lists provided to Congress and The Washington Post by the departments.

For example, one woman, Nancy H. Steorts, who formerly worked at CRP, showed up on the Commerce Department list as an "expositions officer." But the Agriculture Department insisted yesterday that she is special assistant to Butz for consumer affairs.

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One of the agencies where the arrival of White House loyalists has caused the greatest consternation is the Veterans Administration.

VA Administrator Donald E. Johnson recently sent a letter to Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee with jurisdiction over the VA budget, with a list of 11 former CRP personnel now working for him, seven of them on his personal staff.

One long-time VA employee concerned with direction of the agency's hospitals across the country, who asked that his name not be publicly disclosed, said yesterday that he was astonished by the extent to which the White House has injected itself into VA affairs.

He compared the situation to "the formation of conglomerates, where a vice president or administrative assistant is sent out from the home office to call all the shots."

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Following is a partial list of persons formerly employed in President Nixon's 1972 campaign effort or in the White House and the Executive Office of the President during Mr. Nixon's first term, who are now employed in Cabinet departments and independent regulatory agencies:

Department of Commerce

Alex M. Armendaris, former director of Spanish-speaking division, CRP, currently director of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise.

Robert A. Barbuto, former advance man for CRP and deputy director, 1973 inaugural committee, currently special assistant to the Secretary of Commerce.

Yolande P. Dorminy, former executive secretary at the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, currently private secretary to the assistant secretary for tourism.

Richard F. Ehmann, former assistant to the director of field services for CRP, currently confidential assistant to the director of the Office of Foreign Direct Investments.

Judith L. Harbaugh, former secretary at FCRP, currently private secretary to the assistant secretary for tourism.

Andre E. LeTendre, former associate executive director at CRP, was special assistant to the administrator, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, from November, 1972, to February, 1973, when he went to the Commerce Department and is currently deputy to the assistant secretary for administration.

Jeb Stuart Magruder, former deputy campaign director, CRP, and executive director of the Inaugural Committee, became director, Office of Policy Development, until his resignation April 27, 1973.

Joseph M. Mandato, formerly with CRP and deputy director, medals program book division, 1973 inaugural committee, currently special assistant to the assistant secretary for domestic and international business.

Robert S. Milligan, formerly with CRP and consultant at Environmental Protection Agency, currently confidential assistant to the special assistant for policy development.

Ellen M. Wagner, former staff assistant, CRP, currently administrative assistant in office of assistant secretary for administration.

C. Langhorne Washburn, former deputy chairman, FCRP, became special assistant to the Secretary from 12/72 until 4/73 and is currently assistant secretary for tourism.

James Francis, formerly with CRP, currently deputy exhibit manager with the Bureau of International Commerce, Domestic and International Business Administration.

Parker Jayne, formerly with CRP from 8/72 to 10/72 as well as in the Executive Office of the President from 10/72 to 12/72, currently a trade specialist in the Bureau of East-West Trade, Domestic and International Business Administration.

Eric Kihl, formerly with CRP, currently an international trade specialist in the Bureau of East-West Trade, Domestic and International Business Administration.

Edward Kinnear, formerly with CRP, currently an exhibit manager at the Bureau of International Commerce, Domestic and International Business Administration.

Nancy H. Steorts, formerly with CRP and the Inaugural Committee, currently an expositions officer at the Bureau of International Commerce, Domestic and International Business Administration.

Warren S. Chase, formerly with CRP, currently a confidential assistant to the assistant secretary for maritime affairs.

Edward D. Failor, formerly with CRP, was employed by the Department of Transportation from 11/72 until 3/73 and is now administrator of the Social and Economic Statistics Administration.

Norman E. Watts, former field representative with CRP, was employed by the Department of Transportation from 1/73 to 4/73 and is currently a confidential assistant to the administrator of Social and Economic Statistics Administration.

Diana L. Lozano, former administrative assistant at CRP, currently a confidential assistant to the director to the Office of Minority Business Enterprise.

John F. Evans, former assistant director, Domestic Council, White House, currently assistant to the Secretary.

Edward L. Blecksmith, former staff assistant to the director of communications, White House, currently special assistant at the Bureau of Resources and Trade Assistance, Domestic and International Business Administration.

Thornton J. Parker, formerly with the Office of Management and Budget, currently a computer systems analyst serving as special assistant to the chief of systems development at National Bureau of Standards. Prior to his employment with OMB he was with the Department of Commerce.

Clark R. Renninger, formerly with the Office of Management and Budget, is currently staff assistant for computer utilization programs in the office of the director, Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology.

William F. Dougherty, formerly with the White House, was special assistant to the director, Bureau of the Census, Social and Economic Statistics Administration until May 1, 1973.

Department of Agriculture

John C. Foltz, former assistant for agriculture division, CRP, is currently deputy under secretary of agriculture.

S. B. King, former security guard with CRP is currently a confidential assistant to the Secretary.

G. Bruner, formerly with CRP, is currently confidential assistant to the administrator, Food-Nutrition Service.

L. W. Dunn, formerly with CRP is currently a consultant.

Veronica Haggart, former administrative assistant, CRP, is currently a confidential assistant to the assistant secretary, marketing and consumer affairs.

C. Beecher, formerly with CRP, is currently private secretary to the confidential assistant to the Secretary.

Kimberly Moore, formerly with CRP, is currently confidential assistant to the administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service.

Nancy Steorts, former volunteer in volunteers division, CRP, is currently special assistant to the Secretary for consumer affairs.

Clayton Yeutter, former regional director, Agriculture Division, CRP, is currently Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Consumer Services.

Gary K. Madson, former deputy director, Agriculture Division, CRP, is currently deputy administrator, Rural Development Service.

James L. Minton, formerly with CRP, is currently confidential assistant to the deputy undersecretary.

Paul VanderMyde, formerly on White House staff, is currently deputy assistant secretary for conservation, research and education.

Catherine Brown, formerly with the White House, is currently a mail clerk.

Frank W. Naylor, Jr., former national director, veterans division, CRP, is currently executive assistant to the administrator for administration.

Michael Bronson, formerly with veterans/field services, CRP, currently

acting assistant administrator for management and evaluation.

Larry C. Triplett, formerly with CRP, is currently confidential assistant to executive assistant for administration. Clarice R. Woodley, formerly with CRP, is currently staff assistant to the executive assistant.

Judith Myers, former assistant, Veterans Division, CRP, is currently staff assistant to the special assistant.

Anne H. Wallace, former secretary in Veterans Division, CRP, is currently staff assistant to the special assistant. Carol H. Willis, formerly with CRP, is currently staff assistant to the chairman, special projects staff.

Patrick Sullivan, formerly with CRP, is currently a management analyst, management and evaluation staff, VACO.

George Dabrowski, formerly with CRP, is currently a trainee on management and evaluation staff, VACO.

Michael Venuto, formerly with CRP, is currently staff assistant, San Francisco regional office.

James Smith, former field man, Veterans Division, CRP, is currently staff assistant, Lincoln, Neb. regional office.

Federal Trade Commission

Arthur L. Amolsch, formerly in public relations division, CRP, and with the inaugural committee, is currently director, Office of Public Information.

Michael H. Abrams, formerly in Jewish vote division of CRP, is currently general attorney, office of general counsel.

Peter P. L. Broccoletti, former assistant at CRP, became a consultant, AID, Department of State, from 1/73 to 5/73 and is currently trial attorney, Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Theodore J. Garrish, formerly in polling and research division of CRP and with Inaugural Committee, is currently trial attorney, Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Martha H. Duncan, former assistant to the Director of Administration, CRP, is currently secretary in the Office of the Chairman.

Robert E. Montgomery Jr., formerly general counsel, Office of Consumer Affairs, currently assistant general counsel for legislation and congressional liaison.

Robert J. Lewis, former staff assistant to president in office of Lewis A. Engman, Domestic Council, currently legal adviser to the chairman.

Elizabeth Tulous, former personal secretary to Lewis A. Engman, Domestic Council, currently secretary to the chairman.

John Fuller, former writer for CRP, currently a speech writer for the commission.

Federal Aviation Administration

Alexander P. Butterfield, formerly with Executive Office of the President, currently administrator, FAA.

William A. Plissner, formerly with Office of Economic Opportunity, currently director of the Office of Budget. Louis J. Churchville, formerly with Office of Economic Opportunity, currently director of the Office of Public Affairs.

Ruth A. Edmonston, formerly with Office of Economic Opportunity, currently secretary to deputy director, Office of Public Affairs.

Frederic A. Meister Jr., formerly with Office of Management and Budget, currently deputy associate administrator for plans.

Department Of The Interior

Marilyn Army, formerly with CRP, is currently confidential assistant to the deputy solicitor.

Tim Austin, formerly with CRP, is currently Special Assistant to Director, National Parks Service.

Jon Foust, formerly in Tour Office at CRP, is currently special assistant to the director, National Parks Service.

Douglas O. Lee, formerly with CRP, is currently confidential assistant to secretary, Office of Communications.

Robert McCann, formerly with CRP, is currently special assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Management, detailed to Office of Oil and Gas.

John Venners, formerly with CRP, is currently confidential assistant to secretary, detailed to Office of Oil and Gas.

John Whitaker, formerly on White House staff, is currently under secretary.

Ronald Walker, formerly on White House staff, is currently director, National Parks Service.

Doug Blazer, formerly on White House staff, is currently executive assistant to the director, National Parks Service.

Julia Ann Rowe, formerly on White House staff, is currently assistant to the director, National Parks Service.

Marsha C. Griswold, formerly on White House staff, currently confidential assistant to the director, National Parks Service.

Brad Hainesworth, formerly of Office of Economic Opportunity, currently Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Water.

Eric Zaussner, formerly with the President's Council on Environmental Quality, currently deputy assistant to the Secretary for energy and minerals.

Environmental Protection Agency
Leslie A. Arshat, formerly in press department, CRP, as well as employed in Executive Office, is currently information assistant.

Ann L. Dore, formerly in public relations press division, CRP, and inaugural committee, is currently director, public affairs.

George R. Mehocig, formerly with CRP, is currently program adviser.

Vaun A. Newill, formerly in Office of Science and Technology, currently special assistant for health effects.

Anton B. Schmalze, formerly in Office of Management and Budget, currently consultant, Office of Research and Monitoring.

Glen E. Schweitzer, formerly with National Council on Marine Resources and Engineering Resources, currently director, Office of Toxic Substances.

Michael P. Scott, formerly with the November Group, Inc., currently consultant.

Theodore Wigger, former field coordinator with CRP, is currently program analyst on temporary appointment.

Treasury Department

John C. Gartland, formerly with CRP, is currently deputy to assistant secretary for administration.

Gary Burhop, former assistant on Young Voter staff at CRP, is currently confidential assistant to Deputy Assistant Secretary Clawson.

Maureen Devlin, former receptionist at CRP, is currently an assistant to John Gartland.

Robin Cleary, formerly of the California committee of CRP, is currently a staff assistant to William Gifford, assistant to the Secretary.

John Caulfield, former personal aide with CRP, was employed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms until his resignation May 24, 1973.

Edward Morgan, formerly on White House staff, is currently assistant secretary for enforcement, tariff and trade affairs and operations.

James Clawson, formerly on White House staff, currently deputy assistant secretary for enforcement, tariff and trade affairs and operations.

James Fall, formerly in Vice President's office, is currently an economist in the International Affairs Office.

Nancy Nugent, formerly on White House staff, currently assistant to Deputy Assistant Secretary Clawson.

Marie Elaine Andree LaRoche, formerly on White House staff, currently secretary to Ronald B. Brooks, executive assistant to Secretary Shultz;

William L. Gifford, formerly on White House staff, is currently assistant to Secretary Shultz for legislative affairs.