

Member of National Security Council Staff, Tied to Pentagon Papers Inquiry, Quits

White House Announces That Young Left Monday

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WASHINGTON, May 2—investigators for the Senate David Young, one of the men in charge of the Presidential investigation into the Pentagon papers case, has resigned from the staff of the National Security Council, a White House spokesman said today.

Gerald L. Warren, a deputy White House press secretary, said Mr. Young's resignation took effect Monday. He gave no explanation for Mr. Young's departure.

Mr. Young is known, however, to have been one of two men chosen by John D. Ehrlichman, the Presidential adviser who resigned Monday as a result of the Watergate case, to investigate the Pentagon Papers leak.

The investigation, whose supervisors were known at the White House as "the plumbers," led to a burglary at the office of a psychiatrist who had treated Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, who is on trial for having made the papers public.

The other chief "plumber," Egil Krogh, suddenly took a leave of absence this morning from his new job as Under-Secretary of Transportation.

Leave Requested

A department spokesman said that Mr. Krogh, a former White House aide, had been asked by Transportation Secretary Claude S. Brinegar to speak publicly about his connections with the Watergate and Pentagon papers cases. Instead, he asked for a few days' leave "to work out his problems."

Mr. Krogh was described by a friend as "shaken." He has retained a lawyer, William M. Treadwell, and has talked with

committee investigating the Watergate scandal.

At the White House, meanwhile, there were mounting indications that H. R. Haldeman, the chief of staff, who also resigned Monday, would be replaced by no single person.

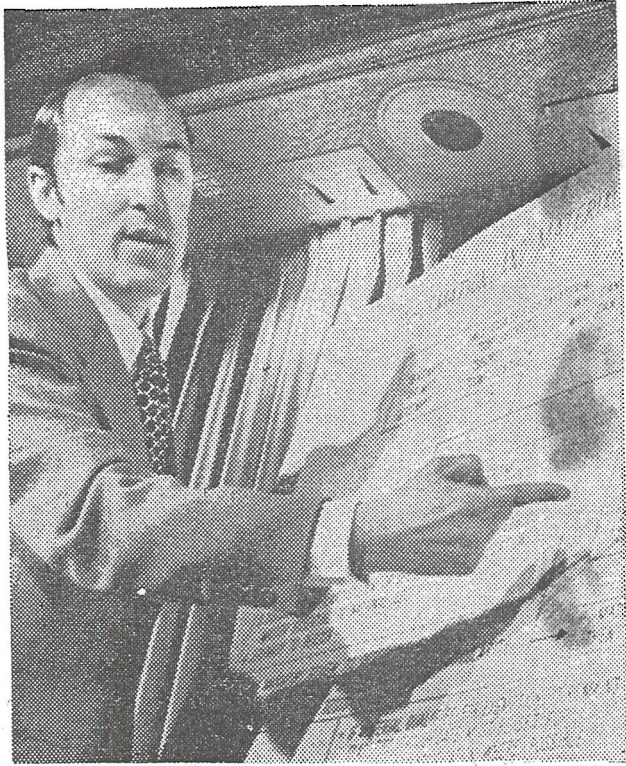
Donald Rumsfeld, a former director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, now serving as Ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, was reported to have been approached about assuming some of Mr. Haldeman's duties. Efforts to reach Mr. Rumsfeld for confirmation were unavailing.

Finch Is Available

In addition, Robert H. Finch, a former White House counselor, said in Pasadena, Calif., that he was willing to return to Washington on a temporary basis "to be helpful, if I can, in any way I can." He said that he had talked with a number of White House staff members during the last 72 hours and was now waiting for word from the President himself.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, said that Mr. Nixon had told Vice President Agnew at a meeting last yesterday that he was naming him vice chairman of the Domestic Council to help to keep things going in that area now that Mr. Ehrlichman, the chairman, has resigned.

But a high-level White House source said that Mr. Agnew should in no way be considered a replacement for Mr. Ehrlichman, and that the council's executive director, Kenneth R. Cole, will take over the bulk



United Press International

David Young, as a member of the National Security Council staff, explaining last year that new methods of classifying Government documents would increase the amount of information available to the public.



Associated Press

Egil Krogh testifying in January on his nomination to be Under Secretary of Transportation.

of Mr. Ehrlichman's duties with the council and may ultimately replace him.

Had Post Before

Mr. Agnew was also given responsibility for liaison with governors and mayors — a task that has twice been given him, and twice taken away, since 1969.

Mr. Ziegler also disclosed that the file cabinets of Mr. Haldeman, Mr. Ehrlichman and the ousted White House counsel, John W. Dean 3d, had been removed to a central location in the White House where they can be inconspicuously guarded by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

President Nixon reportedly expressed outrage during a Cabinet meeting yesterday that

the agents, posted to guarantee that no papers were destroyed, were standing outside the former aides' offices where everyone could see them.

Mr. Haldeman and Mr. Ehrlichman were again in their offices today, ostensibly to help plan the transition to a new staff, but Mr. Dean's whereabouts remained a mystery.