

Caulfield Quits U.S. Job

Washington

John J. Caulfield, the Treasury Department law enforcement official who said he carried an offer of executive clemency to Watergate burglar James W. McCord Jr., left the administration yesterday.

In a terse letter to Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz, Caulfield said:

"I hereby resign as assistant director of criminal enforcement, bureau of alcohol, tobacco, and firearms, effective immediately. I have enjoyed my service

with the department and wish it good fortune."

Shultz, in a one-sentence public reply, said, "Your resignation is hereby accepted, effective as of the close of business today."

Treasury Department officials said Shultz had asked for the resignation.

Caulfield, 44, had held the post for five months.

He acknowledged to the special Senate Watergate committee that before joining the Treasury Department he offered McCord executive clemency on instructions of then-White House counsel John Dean. He has said he thought President Nixon knew of the offer.

A 16-year veteran of the New York City Police Department, Caulfield joined the White House staff shortly after President Nixon's first election as an assistant to the President with responsibility for liaison with law enforcement agencies. After three years in this job, he moved in March, 1972, to the Committee For the Re-Election of the President as an aide-consultant.

He has been on the Treasury Department's payroll in various law enforcement capacities since April 1972.

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