

# Magruder's Back at An Old Job

## Washington

Jeb Stuart Magruder, the first high-level administration official to quit as a result of the Watergate scandal, is back at his old job as executive director of the Nixon Inaugural Committee.

Magruder's return to the committee was disclosed yesterday, the same day published reports named him as the key member of the Watergate conspiracy who, prosecutors say, will plead guilty and testify for the prosecution.

Magruder rose rapidly from being an aide to White House chief of staff H. R. Haldeman through the Nixon campaign organization and the inaugural committee to a \$36,000 a year job as director of policy development at the Commerce Department.

He held the Commerce Department job only about a month, resigning after published reports linked him to the Watergate conspiracy.

J. Willard Marriott, Inaugural Committee chairman, said yesterday that Magruder technically had never left his job as executive director of the committee, a post that once paid between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

"He has not been on the inaugural payroll since March when he took a full-time job at the Commerce Department," Marriott said. "He has, however, continued right along as a parttime volunteer."

Marriott said that "because Jeb has not been employed in recent weeks" the committee asked him to work fulltime on completing the committee's final re-

ports and closing down its offices.

"Under these circumstances it would not be fair to expect Jeb to work as a volunteer and we restored him to the payroll," the chairman said.

He refused to say what Magruder was being paid.

Marriott said Magruder will oversee completion of financial records and subcommittee reports which are to be bound and presented to President Nixon and the National Archives.

Published reports shortly before he left the Commerce Department said Magruder told prosecutors that former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House counsel John W. Dean III, had approved and helped plan the Watergate break-in and also were involved in arranging payoffs to buy silence from the men accused of the burglary.

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