

The 'Outsider'

Who Saw Nixon

CLEVELAND — (AP) — Cleveland attorney H. Chapman Rose confirmed yesterday that he met with President Nixon Easter weekend to try to give him an "outside perspective" on the Watergate affair.

However, Rose declined to discuss details of the conference, calling it a "lawyer-client relationship," and wouldn't say whether Nixon took his advice.

Rose, 66, was an assistant secretary of the Treasury under President Eisenhower and says he and Nixon have been friends since that time.

His Easter meeting with Nixon was disclosed by the White House after special presidential counsel Richard A. Moore testified Friday before the Senate Watergate committee. Moore said he had advised Nixon to consult a "prominent attorney."

The White House said Nixon wanted to talk to "an out-

sider whose judgment he trusted about how to handle the entire Watergate situation."

Rose visited Nixon at his Key Biscayne home. Eight days later, the President appeared on national television and accepted full responsibility for the Watergate affair, while disclaiming any prior knowledge of the incident.

Rose said his visit to the President was "uncompensated, but it certainly was professional — a lawyer visit."