

DEAN AIDE DETAILS COLSON I. R. S. BID

Order on 'Outfit Giving the
Trouble' Is Described

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 — Charles W. Colson, the former special counsel to the President, instructed another member of the White House staff to ask the Internal Revenue Service for the names of contributors to the National Council of Senior Citizens, according to a deposition filed today in United District Court here.

Mr. Colson wanted to know who the contributors were, according to the deposition, be-

cause "this outfit is giving us trouble." The council has worked for higher Social Security benefits, national health insurance and other legislation for the elderly.

The deposition also says that Mr. Colson ordered inquiries into the possibility of challenging the tax-exempt status of two other organizations that were in conflict with the Nixon Administration—Common Cause and the Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

David I. Shapiro, Mr. Colson's attorney, said he could not comment on the allegations because he had not seen the transcript of the deposition.

The deposition was taken from Roy Kinsey, a former member of the staff of John W. Dean 3d, the former White House counsel.

Mr. Kinsey's statement supports one of the statements made by Mr. Dean to the Sen-

ate Watergate committee, namely that there were "a number of requests" from Mr. Colson to Mr. Dean "regarding the tax-exemption status of groups that were opposed to Presidential policy."

Four such requests from Mr. Colson to Mr. Dean were handed on to him, Mr. Kinsey said.

Mr. Kinsey said he was also asked to look into the cause of an apparent delay in the granting of tax-exempt status to a California Republican group whose name Mr. Kinsey did not remember.

Mr. Kinsey's deposition was taken in connection with a lawsuit filed by the Center on Corporate Responsibility, which has charged that political influence caused top I.R.S. officials to deny it tax-exempt status after the staff of the agency decided it was qualified for tax-exemption.

Mr. Kinsey said that he had

been instructed by Mr. Dean to talk to Roger V. Barth, I.R.S. deputy chief counsel, whenever he had a "sensitive" matter to discuss.

The Center on Corporate Responsibility has charged that Mr. Barth was the contact man for the White House in I.R.S. and that it was he who overruled agency staff technicians on the center's application for tax-exemption.

Mr. Kinsey said in his deposition that the "sensitive" tax matters he was instructed to talk to Mr. Barth about were "personal" tax matters. Some of these "personal" matters, or possibly all—the deposition did not make clear which—involved tax problems of members of the White House staff.

Mr. Kinsey said he was not able to get Mr. Colson the information he wanted on contributors to the National Council

of Senior Citizens because the law requires reporting, by name, only of contributors of \$5,000 or more and the organization reported no contributions that large.

He said the answering memo to Mr. Colson, which he prepared for Mr. Dean's signature, gave figures on the over-all income and expenditures of the council, the only figures available. This memo was returned to Mr. Dean by Mr. Colson with the notation "we need more information," Mr. Kinsey said.

He said he did nothing further about the matter.

He also said he did nothing further about Mr. Colson's request to check into the tax-exempt status of Common Cause after ascertaining that the organization, a citizen's lobby and engage in other political activities.