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SBA's Hiring Of Ex-Aide to Haldeman Hit

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12 (UPI) — The Small Business Administration "created" a temporary job for a former secretary of resigned presidential chief of staff H. R. Haldeman, The San Francisco Examiner reported today.

The job for the Haldeman secretary in the Los Angeles office of the SBA was ordered by an agency official in Washington, the newspaper said.

The allegation came to light during a secret six-week probe of possible political influence peddling in the SBA regional office here by the U.S. Civil Service Commission, according to the newspaper.

The probers were investigating whether Civil Service regulations had been violated for political reasons in agency hiring. The probe centered on one management-level job and four other positions.

The newspaper reported that Daisy E. Brookes, 25, left her secretarial position on the Haldeman staff last Aug. 4 and went to work in the SBA office in Los Angeles the following day.

Affidavits by SBA employees, the paper reported, alleged Miss Brookes was placed into a previously nonexistent position "which was tailored to her specifications."

The job paid \$9,750 annually.

The paper said Civil Service probers were told that SBA's central office in Washington sent through a "steady flow of these [political] applications."

One unidentified SBA official, the paper said, felt that the regional director and the top management officials in Washington seemed to be caught up in a web of political considerations and, as individuals, they were incapable of resisting the pressures on them.