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**WHITE HOUSE DENIES  
HOFFA'S ALLEGATION**

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WASHINGTON, March 14—  
The White House denied today charges by James R. Hoffa, former president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, that President Nixon illegally placed restrictions on his union activity when commuting his prison sentence in 1971.

Gerald L. Warren, the White House spokesman, said in reply to a question that the conditions in the commutation of Mr. Hoffa's sentence had been "properly and validly imposed by the President in the public interest and not for the reasons alleged in the complaint."

Yesterday, Mr. Hoffa filed a lawsuit in the Federal District Court here asking that the restrictions on his union activity be removed. He charged in the suit that the restrictions were a result of a conspiracy between Charles W. Colson, former special counsel to the President, and Frank E. Fitzsimmons, current president of the teamsters' union.

Mr. Hoffa alleged that Mr. Colson caused the restrictions to be imposed to keep Mr. Hoffa from challenging Mr. Fitzsimmons for leadership of the union. In return, according to the complaint, Mr. Colson was awarded the union's legal account, among other things.

Reached by telephone, Mr. Colson said, "The charges are false and malicious and Mr. Hoffa knows it."