

COLSON JOINS PLEA FOR TAPES OF NIXON

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WASHINGTON, April 17 —

Charles W. Colson, former special counsel to President Nixon and one of seven defendants in the Watergate cover-up case, asked the United States District Court today to order the President to make available to Mr. Colson the same tapes and documents that the special Watergate prosecution is seeking for use in the trial.

In a motion filed by his attorney, Sidney Diskstein, Mr. Colson said he was joining in the request filed yesterday by Leon Jaworski, the special prosecutor, for a subpoena directing Mr. Nixon to turn over tapes and documents relating to 64 Presidential conversations, some of them involving Mr. Colson. Most of the conversations took place in February, March and April of 1973, the period during which Mr. Nixon has said he first learned of the cover-up.

Judge John J. Sirica, who will rule on the Jaworski and Colson motions, is on vacation. However, he is in touch with his office and a ruling on the motions is expected soon.