

Man Who Told of Tapes

Leaves for Coast Tour

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WASHINGTON, April 30— Alexander P. Butterfield, the former White House aide who disclosed the existence of the Presidential tape recordings to the Senate Watergate committee last July, left here today to tour aircraft factories on the West Coast.

Mr. Butterfield, now the Federal aviation administrator, was in charge of the White House recording devices from the time they were installed in 1970 until he was transferred to the Federal Aviation Administration in March, 1973.

Last fall, when some tapes were found to have gaps and others could not be found, Mr. Butterfield also left Washington to attend an aviation meeting in Auckland, New Zealand.