



White House sympathy for ex-

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WASHINGTON — The White House is sympathetic to Charles E. Colson, former special counsel, who is prison-bound after pleading guilty to a charge of obstruction of justice in the trial of Daniel Ellsberg.

Aides say that Colson, who once said he would "run

over" his grandmother for Richard M. Nixon, only used the "dirty tricks" that opposition political operatives had used in the past.

There is much sympathy for Colson, who will go to Allenwood, Pa. next week. The prison, considered a "country club" in comparison with some of the nation's jails, has had other White House inmates including Egil "Bud"

aide Colson

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Krogh, one of the news leak "plumbers" and Jeb Stuart Magruder, another former Nixon aide.

A "going in" party for Colson brought out a raft of present and former White House well wishers, including former White House Counsel Bryce Harlow, Ken Clawson, William Baroody, special counsel to the President, speechwriter Ken Khachigian, and former advanceman Ron Walk-

er, now director of the National Park Service.

Chicago insurance executive Clement W. Stone, who has contributed some \$5 million to Nixon political campaigns, flew in for the occasion, as did former Appointments Secretary Dwight Chapin, who is appealing a perjury conviction.

Nixon, aides said, remains friendly with Colson, who was one of his closest political advisers in the 1972 re-election campaign.