

The Price Is \$1 Million

Haldeman Peddling His Memoirs

New York

Former White House chief of staff H. R. (Bob) Haldeman has approached at least four New York publishers with his memoirs, tentatively titled "Inside."

The asking price is \$1 million.

In at least one case, the presentation came complete with the dummy of a book jacket showing a photograph of Haldeman in the Oval Office with President Nixon and others.

Editors were shown an outline of about eight pages, including chapters on the President's China trip, the Vietnam war and Watergate. There also was a chapter, according to those who have seen the outline, on what would happen if Haldeman had to do it all over again.

On Watergate, the material was vague, saying in effect the subject would be covered later.

Negotiations are being handled by H. G. (Hank) Saperstein, a Burbank literary agent, and by Donald C. Farber, a New York lawyer.

Saperstein said that the man for five years closest to the President was brought to him through a mutual friend whom he declined to identify. He said Haldeman has written or has dictated

about 10,000 words

Haldeman has been named as a defendant in the Watergate coverup case which is scheduled to go to trial September 9.

In the presentation to one publisher, Saperstein stressed that once the trial starts Haldeman will be on network television every night, which would enhance the book's value.

Late in June, Saperstein went to New York for conferences with the publish-

ers. Approaches were made to Simon and Schuster, Random House, Grosset and Dunlap, Holt Rinehart Winston, Inc., and possibly others. All declined.

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