

# G.O.P. Counsel on Impeachment

Samuel Alexander Garrison 3d

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WASHINGTON, July 22—A young Virginia lawyer, Samuel A. Garrison 3d, added his voice today to that of James D. St. Clair, President Nixon's Watergate defense attorney, in presenting the argument for the President against impeachment.

**Man in the News**

Friends of Mr. Garrison feel the Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee could not have chosen a better man to replace Albert E. Jenner Jr., as the minority counsel. The change was made after Mr. Jenner infuriated some Republicans by siding last week with John M. Doar, special counsel for the committee who was hired by the Democratic majority, in calling for the impeachment of Mr. Nixon.

"John Doar will have his hands full with Sam Garrison," remarked Victor Gold, former press secretary for Vice President Agnew. "Sam will make a very good adversary. He has a steel-trap mind."

Samuel Alexander Garrison 3d, 32 years old, has solid conservative Republican credentials mixed with Southern gentility in the Virginia tradition. He was a protégé of

Richard H. Poff, the former Virginia Representative who withdrew his name from consideration for a Supreme Court seat three years ago. Mr. Garrison also served as a special assistant to Mr. Agnew.

## Denial by Republicans

Earlier this year, Mr. Garrison was the subject of controversy when Jack Anderson, the columnist, reported that the lawyer had been assigned by Republicans on the committee to "impede the impeachment proceedings." Describing Mr. Garrison as a "tough, partisan conservative," the article said, "on paper, he is supposed to play second fiddle to minority counsel Albert Jenner, a distinguished Chicago attorney. But our sources say that Jenner is 'a figurehead and that many of the G.O.P. members deal directly with Garrison.'"

The columnist said that Mr. Garrison had refused to comment on the matter, while committee Republicans vehemently denied the assertion.

Mr. Garrison was described by friends and associates as possessing a "great deal of self-confidence." Mr. Gold commented:

"He's all lawyer. He has

a clear, precise legal mind, a quick mind. He pays attention to technical details and he masters parliamentary procedure. He is also very businesslike."

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Mr. Garrison joined the impeachment staff last December, serving as Mr. Jenner's administrative deputy, handling the selection of staff attorneys for the minority. He previously served as Congressional liaison on the Senate staff of Mr. Agnew.

Before that, Mr. Garrison was an associate minority counsel on the House Judiciary Committee, from 1971 to 1972; the Virginia Commonwealth's Attorney for Roanoke, 1970 to 1971, and Assistant Commonwealth's attorney, 1966 to 1969.

He was born in Roanoke on Feb. 21, 1942. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Virginia in 1963, and his law degree from the law school three years later. He passed the Virginia bar examination the same year.

He and his wife, the former Mary C. Richards of Roanoke, have two children, David, 9, and Lisa, 6. They live in an apartment in suburban Alexandria, Va.

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