

Two Top Nixon-Era Aides Quit

Washington

The White House announced yesterday that President Ford has accepted the resignations of Patrick J. Buchanan and J. Fred Buzhardt, two White House aides who played major roles in Richard M. Nixon's battle against impeachment.

Press secretary Ron Nessen said Buzhardt, a legal adviser who was active in Mr. Nixon's series of court battles against subpoenas for his tapes and documents, had left the payroll on October 5.

Buzhardt, Nessen said, was "not fired."

Buchanan submitted his resignation effective November 15 as a special consultant to the President. Buchanan served as a speechwriter and major architect of Mr. Nixon's Watergate defense strategy.

Nessen made public letters exchanged between Mr. Ford and Buchanan in which the President expressed "my personal thanks for your assistance" during the transition period following Mr. Nixon's resignation and appreciation "for your great dedication to our nation, dedication that I know will continue to serve our country well for years to come."

The spokesman said neither Buchanan nor Buzhardt had indicated his future plans.

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