

## A Key Nixon Aide Quits White House

Washington

Ken W. Clawson, who had been a key Nixon administration aide, will leave his post as director of communications at the White House on Thursday, it was announced yesterday.

Clawson sent a one-sentence letter, dated October 11, to the President announcing his resignation but it was not announced until three weeks later by White House press secretary Ron Nessen.

In a responding letter, formally addressed, "Dear Mr. Clawson," President Ford accepted the resignation and thanked Clawson for his assistance during the transitional period "and for your devoted service to former President Nixon."

Clawson, a former newspaperman who had worked for the Washington Post before joining the White House in the Nixon administration, did not give any indication of his future plans.

Nessen said there would be no replacement for Clawson.

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