

Suit Accusing Clawson Of Lobbying Dismissed

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WASHINGTON, July 30 (UPI)—A Federal judge Monday dismissed a civil suit by a Ralph Nader group that charged Ken W. Clawson, director of communications for the White House, with illegally trying to influence the outcome of legislation.

Judge Barrington D. Parker of United States District Court dismissed the case as being moot after Mr. Clawson testified that he had withdrawn a set of speech kits that were the main object of the suit.

The kits, labeled "The Battle of the Budget 1973," were prepared by Mr. Clawson for government officials to use in a campaign to try to defeat several bills the Administration said would be inflationary.

The Nader group, Public Citizen, Inc., contended that distribution of the kits violated a law forbidding Federal agencies from using tax money in lobbying efforts.

The group asked Judge Parker to declare that distribution of the kits was illegal and to forbid Mr. Clawson and other Administration officials from engaging "in similar misconduct in the future."