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Agnew Hires A Harvard Graduate

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Vice President Spiro T. Agnew has appointed 29-year-old J. C. Helms as his chief speech writer. He will begin his new duties Monday.

Helms, who received his A.B. degree from Harvard in 1963, received a Ph. D. in philology from Harvard yesterday.

A spokesman for Agnew, who first met Helms about a month ago, said yesterday the vice president is "very impressed by this young man."

Helms, as a graduate student at Harvard, appeared last summer before the Senate permanent investigating subcommittee in its probe of campus disorders. Senator John L. McClellan (Dem-Ark.) the panel's chairman, said Helms gave "a wringing indictment of the Harvard administration."

"The stuff I said then was pretty hot," Helms said. "If I had to do it again, perhaps the substance would be the same, but I wouldn't say it in the same way."

He said he was "too dogmatic" in his appearance before the subcommittee.

Helms said of Agnew's speeches in the past: "I think his phrases like 'effete snobs' are essentially right in substance, and I think on balance you have to be tough in



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J. C. HELMS
New writer

dealing with campus disorders."

Agnew's last full-time speech writer, Cynthia Rosenwald, left his staff three months ago.

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