

Exit Clay Whitehead

Clay T. Whitehead, director of the White House Office of Telecommunications Policy since its inception three years ago, has said he intends to resign the post "in three or four months."

The 35-year-old Whitehead, whose desire to leave government service has been rumored since earlier this year, was unavailable for comment yesterday.

Associates said, however, that he hopes to enter private business, perhaps after spending the first few months following his departure working on a book about communications policy.

As a frequent and vocal media critic, Whitehead accused the major network news organizations of dealing in "elitist gossip" and "ideological plugola" and

charged newscasters with political bias against the Nixon administration.

He also stirred controversy last year when he recommended that public television, which receives government funds, forego news and public affairs coverage and stress local programming.

The OTP was created in 1970 as an adjunct to the executive branch, responsible for recommending government policy on public television and cable communications. It also helps manage the federal government's internal communications system.

Congress cut OTP's annual budget from \$3.2 million to \$2 million this year when congressional support began to waiver following Whitehead's antimedia remarks.