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WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP) — The Consumer Product Safety Commission has been double-crossed by the White House in the agency's seven-month battle for political independence, Chairman Richard O. Simpson said Monday.

Mr. Simpson said a ranking Administration official, whom he refused to identify, had promised to grant political clearance for five key commission employees whose names had been submitted under protest.

But David J. Wimer, a special Presidential assistant, said in a letter dated July 9 that clearance had been denied.

Asked if the White House

had double-rossed the commission, Mr. Simpson told a newsmagazine: "Yes. Or reneged, if you will."

Four of the five product safety commissioners have maintained that Congress requires that the year-old agency be free of "political meddling," including traditional White House clearance of noncareer staff members. The lone hold-out has been Commissioner Barbara Franklin, a former White House talent scout. Chairman of three Senate committees have sided with the commission.