

'Former Aides to Link Haldeman'

New York

Former subordinates of former White House chief of staff H. R. Haldeman will plead guilty to participation in the Watergate coverup and will implicate Haldeman and others in the affair, the New York Daily News said last night.

The News said that the expected guilty pleas will come from Gordon Strachan, who reported to Haldeman at the White House, and Herbert L. Porter, a former White House and Nixon re-election campaign official.

Both men have agreed to cooperate with special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox in connection with the investigation of the scandal, the News said.

At the same time, the News said Common Cause, the citizens' lobby, has learned of another \$3.5 million in the Committee to Re-elect the President's coffers collected before last spring's deadline for contribution disclosures.

A Common Cause lawyer, Kenneth Guido, was quoted by the News as saying the contributions were in addition to those from other Nixon supporters who donated \$19.6 million before the April 7, 1972 deadline.

Common Cause is suing the Nixon re-election campaign committee for full disclosure of all campaign contributions.

Strachan's planned plea was not reported. The News said Porter would plead guilty to obstructing justice in connection with committing perjury before Watergate investigators.

The News said Strachan sent word through his lawyers on June 14 that, once he received limited immunity from the Senate Select Committee, he would be willing to testify that Haldeman knew of the Watergate coverup "from the beginning."

Strachan now has been granted the limited form of immunity that prevents prosecution on grounds of his own testimony.

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