

White House to Abolish Position Held by Jesuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House position held by the Rev. John McLaughlin, a Jesuit priest who was one of President Nixon's chief defenders, is being abolished, President Ford's chief spokesman said today.

J. F. terHorst, the White House press secretary, told newsmen he had discovered that Father McLaughlin was on his press office payroll.

"I have no slot for that position. The way we have restructured the press office there is no place for Father McLaughlin or anyone else in that spot. That job is being abolished," Mr. terHorst said.

The press secretary had said last week that Father McLaughlin would soon be leaving the White House, but the priest contended that he planned to stay indefinitely.

When reporters asked who was correct, Mr. terHorst noted that Father McLaughlin was on his payroll and "I'd advise you to believe me."

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