

## Haldeman Says He Halted Bid to Get Him a Pardon

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H. R. Haldeman, White House chief of staff during the Nixon administration, has declared in a copyrighted interview that he asked persons seeking a pardon for him in the closing days of the Ford administration to "discontinue their efforts."

The interview appeared in the Political Animal, a Los Angeles-based weekly newsletter.

"I did not believe lobbying was the way to handle the pardon issue," said Haldeman, who was convicted in the Watergate coverup case. "The President had to make the decision himself."

Former President Ford left office January 20 without pardoning Haldeman or any of the others convicted in the Watergate case. Haldeman's conviction is being appealed.

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