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Burch Quits Position in White House

Washington

The resignation of Dean Burch as a top-level political adviser on the White House staff was announced yesterday by President Ford.

In a letter to Burch, former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and onetime aide to Senator Barry Goldwater, (Rep-Ariz.), Mr. Ford wrote that he was accepting the resignation "with the deepest regret." It becomes effective December 31.

Press secretary Ron Nessen said Burch will join the Washington law firm of Pierson, Ball & Dowd, which specializes in communications law.

Nessen also announced the formal appointment of William N. Walker as director of the presidential personnel office at the White House. Walker, who succeeds David Winer, has been filling the post on a consultant basis



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DEAN BURCH
Resignation accepted

since September.

A former general counsel of the Federal Energy Administration and the Cost of Living Council, Walker advises Mr. Ford on the filling of vacancies in executive level positions and on part-time federal boards and commissions.

In about two weeks, Nessen told reporters, Mr. Ford will be prepared to announce a reorganization of the White House staff. Nessen said changes will involve both personnel and organization.

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