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Washington (AP) - Charles W. Colson, special counsel to President Nixon, plans to leave his White House post and practice law in Washington, the Washington Post reported Saturday.

Colson has had a troubleshooting role on Nixon's staff in such controversies as the nomination of G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court and the Watergate affair in which Republican campaign workers were involved in a break-in at Democratic party headquarters.

The Post quotes Washington attorney Charles H. Morin as saying "I expect him to leave and go back into the practice of law - I hope it's here."

Morin added, however, that he had no commitment from Colson "moral or otherwise."

Morin and Colson co-founded a Washington law firm in 1961.

There was no comment from the White House or from Colson.