

Haig's White House Job Ruled Illegal by U.S. Aide

Washington

Representative John E. Moss (Dem-Calif.) made public yesterday a letter from Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats indicating that General Alexander M. Haig Jr. is violating the law by holding a job as assistant to President Nixon.

Haig joined the White House staff in May as a replacement for H.R. Haldeman, who resigned. The White House announced

June 6 that the general would retire from active military duty effective August 1.

Moss asked the comptroller general for an opinion on whether Haig was violating the law by holding two government positions at the same time.

Staats noted that Haig is assuming many of the responsibilities that previously were Haldeman's, and still is receiving only his pay and allowances as a general and

vice chief of staff.

While declining to say categorically that Haig is exercising the functions of a civil office, Staats said, "It now is our view that a violation of the statute is indicated."

Moss has requested Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson to enforce the statute against an individual holding an active military commission and a civil office at the same time.

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