

Magruder Resigns -- Gray  
Said to Have Burned Files

## Campaign Aide the First To Quit Administration In Wake of Watergate

Washington

Jeb Stuart Magruder, a former White House aide who served as deputy director of President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign committee, has abruptly resigned from his most recent position as a high Commerce Department official.

His lawyer, James Bierbower, confirmed last night that Magruder had quit. The resignation is expected to be accepted today.

Magruder, 38, becomes the first Nixon aide to leave the government in the wake of recent disclosures in the Watergate investigation.

Magruder held a \$36,000 a-year job as director of policy development at the Commerce Department.

On April 14, he reportedly told federal prosecutors that former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and presidential counsel John W. Dean III approved and helped plan the bugging last year of Democratic national headquarters.

He has also been reported as saying that Mitchell and Dean subsequently arranged to buy the silence of the seven convicted Watergate conspirators.

During the Watergate trial, Magruder was named as the man who hired convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy for the President's re-election effort.

Magruder testified at the trial that he had no knowledge of the Watergate bugging.

He subsequently "chose to talk because he felt the walls were coming in on him," one source reported.

A clean-cut, boyish-faced man with a background in merchandising cosmetics and women's hosiery, Magruder served at the White House as a deputy to chief of staff H. R. Haldeman and later as Mitchell's principal assistant at the President's re-election committee.

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