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Herb Klein Leaving His Post

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He is considering offers

Washington, April 26 (NEWS Bureau)—Herbert G. Klein is leaving his post as communications director for the Nixon administration after four and a half years in the job, it was learned today.

Klein has told friends that he is considering an offer from Metromedia, a major broadcasting corporation, among several others, but has not yet made a decision.

His departure—which has long been expected—reportedly was scheduled to be announced last Thursday, but was delayed indefinitely, presumably because of the Watergate case. There have been reports that some administration officials who had planned to leave prior to the Watergate hassle have postponed their plans so as not to appear to be leaving under fire.

A Former Editor

Klein, a former editor of the

San Diego, Calif., Union, has been associated with Nixon in one capacity or another since he first ran for Congress in 1946.

When the communications director job was created for Klein in January, 1969, it was thought that he would be the official spokesman for the entire administration, including the White House, with presidential press secretary Ronald Ziegler as a subordinate.

In the ensuing years, however, Ziegler has become the mouthpiece for the President, and, Klein has functioned as a sort of traveling salesman for the administration, often giving three or four speeches a week.