

Partner of Colson Reportedly Urged Pressure on S.E.C.

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WASHINGTON, May 22—A law partner of Charles W. Colson, former White House special counsel, proposed last month that they "lean on" the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission to appoint a counsel for the commission that would help their clients, according to a memorandum published by The Washington Post in Tuesday's edition.

The memo, dated April 19, was described as an interoffice communication from Charles H. Morin to Mr. Colson, a senior partner in the firm of Colson and Shapiro, which does much business before the S.E.C.

Mr. Morin reportedly urged Mr. Colson to "mobilize pressure from the White House" on Bradford Cook, who resigned as the commission chairman last week, to appoint King Mallory to the general counsel's office.

"In short," Mr. Morin reportedly wrote, "this is one of the chips we really should pick up because it is a key job in the commission and one of extreme importance in representing our clients."

"Let's get this guy in that job," Mr. Morin reportedly concluded, "or Cook may turn into a disaster for us."

Mr. Colson's response to the memo, handwritten on the top of the paper reportedly was, "I'll call Cook if necessary, but I think Jerry Jones could lock this one for us."

Mr. Jones is a White House specialist in personnel. Mr. Mal-

lory, who was and continues as an official of the S.E.C., was never appointed to the general counsels' job.

Mr. Colson, who served in the White House from late 1969 until March, 1973, confirmed tonight that the memo was authentic. He said, however, that it had never been acted upon, and was therefore of little significance. According to Mr. Colson, the memo was stolen from the law firm's offices before being released to The Post.

7 GOVERNORS' TAXES ARE BEING REVIEWED

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The income tax returns of seven Governors are being investigated, the Internal Revenue Service said today.

But it said there was nothing unusual in the investigations of Governors' returns, saying they were "selected for audit under regular I.R.S. selection procedures."

Four of the seven Governors are Republicans and three are Democrats, but the revenue service declined to name them or their states.

The Democratic Governor of Oklahoma, David Hall, recently complained that his return was being audited and indicated that he thought there may be a political reason behind the probe.

But an I.R.S. statement today said the tax agency had not initiated any examination program or drive to examine Governors' returns.

It said it expected to audit about 1.6 million returns during the current fiscal year.

"Audits are conducted for the purpose of insuring that the taxpayers involved have correctly applied the law and regulations in determining their tax," it said.

KISSINGER'S AIDES SAY HE COPIED DATA

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Former aides of Henry A. Kissinger say he has made copies of classified foreign policy documents for his own use after he leaves the Government. Mr. Kissinger said, "The only papers I have are personal papers."

Two former members of the National Security Council staff and one former White House aide said Mr. Kissinger had maintained a personal file of copied documents. One source said this material had been taken from the White House and stored in New York.

Mr. Kissinger, the President's adviser on foreign affairs who is in Paris for negotiations on the Indochina cease-fire, said in a telephone interview: "I won't comment on any stories like these. The only papers I have are personal papers."

"When I come back, I will discuss any of these subjects; but I cannot discuss them from here," Mr. Kissinger said when asked to describe the papers and say where they were stored. He said he considered his notes to be personal papers.

Legal experts said there was no law forbidding Government officials to copy classified documents. Other statutes forbid the use of classified information in a manner that would endanger national security.

Hearings on Prisons Set

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—The House Internal Security Committee decided today to hold hearings in Columbus, Ohio, next month in a continuing investigation of whether subversives are trying to spark turmoil in United States prisons.

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