

N.Y. News:

Strachan to Admit Guilt

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NEW YORK, July 3—Former White House aide Gordon Strachan plans to plead guilty to involvement in the Watergate cover-up and implicate his former boss, H. R. (Bob) Haldeman, The New York Daily News reported today.

Quoting informed sources, The News said that Strachan and Herbert L. Porter, a former White House aide and Nixon re-election committee official, both would plead to one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Strachan, 29, acted as liaison between the White House and the Committee to Re-elect the President and reported directly to Haldeman, the former White House chief of staff. Strachan would testify, The News said it had learned, that Haldeman knew of the Watergate cover-up "from the beginning."

Porter, 33, has testified before the Senate Watergate committee that he committed perjury during the grand jury investigation and subsequent trial of the seven convicted Watergate conspirators.

Strachan already had been granted immunity for his testimony before the Senate committee.

The two are following, the newspaper said, the same course taken last week by Frederick LaRue, also a former White House and re-election committee aide. LaRue also has promised to testify for the government, and his sentencing has been delayed until all the investigations end.