

Anonymous Nixon Aide

Richard Arthur Moore

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At Yale in the nineteen-thirties, "Red" Moore was the Flamboyant Irishman from Brooklyn. As editor of The Yale Daily News, He devoted an entire issue of the paper to a spoof about how the university was dominated in addition to being a member of Skull and Bones, an exclusive senior society, he also had a reputation for mastery at frequent late night poker parties.

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Mr. Moore, now 59 years old, only vaguely resembles the youth at Yale. His shock of flaming red hair has changed to crew-cut white. His sloppy clothes have been abandoned for a carefully groomed appearance. His nickname is now "Dick." The big man on campus is now one of the anonymous "special counsels to the President's—an unknown advisor until a few weeks ago, when he became a new name in the Watergate affair.

Today, sitting in the witness chair at the Senate Watergate hearings, he denied many allegations made by former White House counsel John W. Dean 3d, but he sometimes faltered in his testimony as he failed to recall details of his own testimony before the committee staff on June 7.

An Idea Man

As a presidential adviser, Mr. Moore has been an idea man more than an operations chief, spending hours with White House "image men," such as Herbert G. Klein, Charles W. Colson and Ronald L. Ziegler, contemplating what the President should be doing, where he should go, how to solve problems and how to keep the President's foot forward.

In the 1968 campaign and again in 1972, he searched for bits of humor and local events to add to Presidential speeches. He was one of the men who briefed the President on local politicians and issues.

Some say that during the campaigns, when the candidate felt like talking in formally, it was often Mr. Moore, long a friend of the President's, who was called to the presidential suite.

Once a New Dealer

Richard Arthur Moore began his political life as a New Deal Democrat at Yale. After graduation from Yale in 1936 and from the Yale Law School in 1939, he practiced of Cravath, Swaine & Moore. About the same time he became the executive director of the America First Committee, which opposed United States involvement in World War II.

Now he is the defender of a conservative Republican Administration and committed to a President who has opened new avenues to the Communists in China and Moscow.

Mr. Moore has not lost all his youthful personality. His humor is still so sharp that he is often called on to be toastmaster at his Yale class reunions. There is even a twist to his choice of Lloyd Cutler, whose name is on the White House "enemies" list, to be his lawyer in the Watergate case.

When Mr. Moore's relations with the President began is hazy. After serving in the Air Force in World War II, Mr. Moore returned to the Cravath law firm for a brief time before moving to California in 1949.

Like his brother, John D. J. Moore, now Ambassador to Ireland, he probably met the President in the early nineteen-fifties. His brother has said that he met Mr. Nixon on the golf course about that time.

Richard Moore was climbing his way up the executive ladder at television station KTTV in Los Angeles when he worked for the Republicans in the 1956 campaign. By 1962, he became president of the Times-Mirror Broadcasting Corporation, and many fellow Republicans believe that he did some work for Mr. Nixon's unsuccessful campaign for Governor that year.

Some believe that Mr. Moore was influential in persuading Mr. Nixon to move to New York after he lost the race.

Moved to Washington

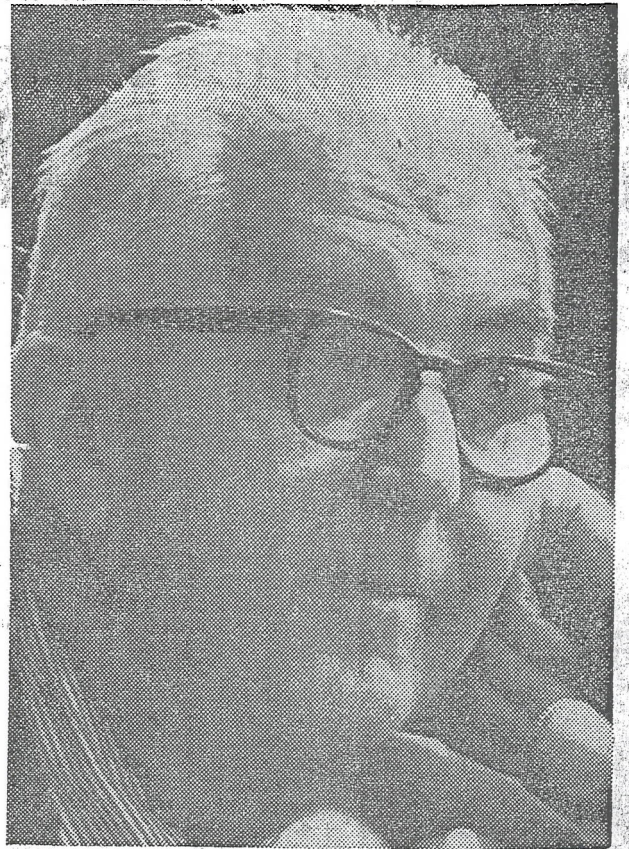
In 1970, Mr. Moore left Pasadena and brought his wife and five children to Washington to join the Administration. As a special assistant to the Attorney General, Mr. Moore is credited with altering somewhat John N. Mitchell's image of the tough law enforcer. Mr. Moore is said to have "opened Mitchell" and brought forth a softer-tongued official.

In 1971, Mr. Moore became special counsel to the President.

In addition to his official roll at the White House, Mr. Moore is the man many Presidential aides confide in. They trust him because he is an older man (born Jan. 23, 1914, in Albany, N. Y.), and because they believe in his integrity and maturity.

"If I wanted to confide in anybody in the White House," said one former staff member, "I would confide in Moore."

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(Mr. Moore at the Watergate committee hearing yesterday)

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