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Moore and President Longtime Associates

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Richard A. Moore, the White House special counsel who emerged yesterday with a forlorn bit part in the Watergate drama, has had a long-standing personal acquaintance with President Nixon.

He is a trustee of the Richard Nixon Foundation and over the years has been sought out by the President for political counsel and help.

A New Yorker by birth and a graduate of Yale law school, he went to California in 1949 and entered communication law. He was at one time general manager and president of KTTV, when it was the Los Angeles Times-Mirror station.

In August, 1970, Moore came to public attention for his role in helping the administration draft guidelines for issuing subpoenas to newsmen who had evidence bearing on street and campus unrest.

It was the testimony of

former White House counsel John W. Dean III that projected the 59-year-old Moore into the Watergate case.

Dean named Moore as one of the participants at the La Costa Hotel meeting in Southern California last February when top White House aides, according to the account, discussed ways to thwart the impending Senate Watergate investigation.

"While Moore did not know all the facts, he knew a great deal," said Dean.

Moore was assigned to oversee press activities of the Nixon campaign committee and also to pass the word to his former boss, John N. Mitchell, to "raise the necessary funds" for the original Watergate defendants, according to Dean.

Moore joined the administration in 1970 as a special assistant to Mitchell for public relations and speech writing.



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Sen. Herman E. Talmadge (D-Ga.) ponders a point as former Attorney General John N. Mitchell testifies.