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Colson, Alch Probed by Mass. Bar

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BOSTON, Aug. 8—The Massachusetts Bar Association announced that it has been informally investigating Charles Colson, former special counsel to President Nixon, and Gerald Alch, former lawyer for convicted Watergate burglar James CmCord.

Richard J. Vita, the bar association's chief investigator, said the inquiry has been going on for four months on Colson and two months on Alch regarding their roles in the

Watergate scandal.

Vita cautioned: "This is not a formal investigation. However, as a result of numerous public charges against Mr. Colson and Mr. Alch, the bar decided to monitor the Watergate hearings and news accounts of Watergate developments."

Colson is registered with the Massachusetts Bar, but does not practice in this state. He is a partner in the firm of Colson and Shapiro in Washington. Alch is associated with the Boston law firm of F. Lee Bailey.

According to Vita, the bar association will not start any formal action until the findings of the Senate Watergate committee and Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox are made public.