

White House Usage Of Agencies Probed

The Secret Service is investigating reports that former White House officials used the Secret Service, the FBI and other agencies to gather critical information about Democratic presidential contenders last year, the White House said yesterday.

"I don't think I should say anything from here that would interfere with that investigation," deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said when questioned about a Washington Post story reporting the existence of 24 memos reporting on Democratic leaders.

Warren said he had not seen them, but he did not deny the story. The Secret Service is charged by law with protecting the First Family, "and that is the way the President perceives it," Warren said.

Refusing to comment in detail on the memos, Warren said he was not going to discuss "things that apparently went on prior to the 1972 presidential election.

"We are now operating in a different time and with different methods," he said.

Asked what he meant, he said "there is an entire change in the staff structure," an obvious reference to the changes that have taken place since the resignations of John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. (Bob) Halde-

man.

Meanwhile, James C. Bol-

ton Sr., administrative assistant to Rep. Glenn Davis (R-Wis.), denied yesterday that he had passed on to the White House information that his son, a Secret Service Agent, reportedly obtained while guarding Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) during the 1972 presidential campaign.

Bolton told The Milwaukee Journal yesterday:

"I deny emphatically that I asked my son to give me information to turn over to the White House. He didn't do it. I didn't ask."

The newspaper also quoted the senior Bolton as saying his son "didn't give me one snitch of information. He didn't volunteer any to me . . . He is one of the most close-mouthed kids you'll ever see as far as the job is concerned."

The Journal also reported that Bolton senior said he gave some information to the White House, but that it was "peanuts" and was not about McGovern and did not come from his son.

The Washington Post called the congressional aide's house last night in an effort to reconcile his comments in the Journal with his acknowledgement to The Washington Post, published in a story yesterday, that he passed on information on McGovern from his son to the White House.

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