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**Airman Hospitalized
After Accusing Nixon**

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M. Sgt. Grant A. Schulke has been placed in a psychiatric ward by the Air Force apparently after he said he wanted to file court-martial charges against President Nixon in the Watergate case.

An Air Force spokesman said Schulke "was asked and he agreed" to undergo 72 hours of psychiatric examination at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver.

Schulke, a 43-year-old career Air Force non-commissioned officer, told a reporter in a telephone interview Tuesday that he had discussed with a legal officer at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, his desire to file charges against Mr. Nixon alleging obstruction of justice and withholding of evidence.

"I figured somebody should make the commander-in-chief stand to justice," Schulke said.

He quoted the legal officer as saying the sergeant could not bring charges against Mr. Nixon under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, because the Presi-

dent was not subject to military law even though he is commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

The telephone interview was brief because Schulke said he had been summoned to the Office of Special Investigation at the air base.

When a reporter called Schulke's home last evening the sergeant's wife said he was in the psychiatric ward at Fitzsimmons Hospital. A Chilean native with a limited command of English, Mrs. Regina Schulke sounded bewildered by what had happened.

Asked about the situation, the Air Force spokesman here checked and confirmed that Schulke was undergoing psychiatric observation.

The spokesman said he was not aware of any mental disorders in Schulke's past.

Mrs. Schulke said her husband is a Vietnam war veteran. He is currently assigned to a communications squadron at Lowry. The Schulkes have been married for five years. They have no children.