



CHARLES COLSON  
He won't be a witness

## U.S. Probe Of Colson Reported

Washington

Former special counsel to the President Charles W. Colson is a target of a federal grand jury investigation and therefore has requested through his lawyer that his appearance before the Senate Watergate committee be delayed, chief committee counsel Samuel Dash reportedly told the committee yesterday.

Although Colson's name was mentioned frequently by witnesses in relation to the Watergate affair during the first three months of committee hearings, Dash's statement to the committee was the first indication that Colson stood in jeopardy of being indicted.

Colson is at least the tenth former Nixon aide to be under investigation for alleged wrongdoing while serving in the executive branch.

Following Dash's report, sources said, the committee decided it would be inappropriate to call Colson if he would refuse to answer questions.

Although the exact nature of the federal grand jury's investigation of Colson was not clear, speculation within

the committee focused on the Ellsberg break-in and Colson's involvement with it, including the money that was used to finance the trip.

A memo from the Watergate special prosecutor's office, a copy of which was obtained by the Washington Post, states that Colson obtained a \$5000 loan which was used for the Ellsberg break-in.

The previously-unreported memo, dated August 8, states that Washington tax attorney George D. Webster "was involved in the \$5000 loan to Colson for the Ellsberg break-in," but lists no other specifics. Webster could not be reached yesterday.

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