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Investor Z. Wayne Griffin s throwing a "welcome home H. R. Haldeman party" November 5.

Haldeman

"He worked his tail off in Washington. I happen to admire him very much," Griffin, an old friend of the Haldeman family, said Thursday.

"To me, he's a very honest guy," he said of Haldeman, who was forced out as White House chief of staff because of the Watergate scandal.

"I know all America does not share my feeling. But he tried to strike a blow for what he believed."

Members of Haldeman's family, former business associates, old friends and local dignitaries have been invited to a "welcome home get - together" at the California club, Griffin said. Reporters aren't invited.

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