



SAMUEL J. POWERS JR.
... joins Nixon task force

11th Lawyer Joins Nixon Legal Team

President Nixon expanded his Watergate legal team yesterday by adding a Miami lawyer, Samuel J. Powers Jr. The appointment raises to 11 the number of attorneys involved fulltime in Watergate problems for the White House.

White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler, citing the number of attorneys on the staffs of the Senate Watergate committee and the Watergate special prosecutor's office, said, "You can't deal with 100 lawyers with 5."

The expansion of the White House Watergate legal task force, Ziegler said, is intended to deal with the controversy "perhaps more effectively than we have before."

It does not reflect a lack of confidence in the work of presidential counselors Leonard Carment and J. Fred Buzhardt, Ziegler emphasized in response to a question.

Powers, 55, has been a partner since 1946 in the Miami law firm of Blackwell, Walker and Gray, a general practice firm that specializes in insurance and antitrust litigation.

Another partner of the firm said yesterday that Powers had not met the President before the appointment, and has not been active in politics. Powers was president of the Dade County Bar Association in 1960-61 and president of the International Association of Insurance Counselors in 1970-71. He also has been president of the Miami Kiwanis Club.

The White House Watergate task force includes two outside consultants, Charles Alan Wright, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Texas, and a Texas graduate student, Thomas P. Marinis.

The staff also includes the following attorneys on loan from other government agencies:

Richard A. Hauser, Justice Department; Kenneth G. Haynes, U.S. attorney's office, Alexandria; Paul S. Tribble Jr., U.S. attorney's office, Alexandria; George P. William Justice Department; Douglas Parker, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Robert Andrews, Defense Department.

Wright has returned to his teaching job in Austin, Texas, a White House spokesman said, but he may be asked to work for the President in the Watergate tapes case in the future.