

White House Denies

Making Files Available

Washington

The White House denied yesterday that it is giving copies of Watergate-related files to John J. Wilson, the attorney for former top presidential aides H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman.

Wilson acknowledged yesterday that he had received a copy of one set of notes from Haldeman's file after the notes were made public in court. But he denied that he had an arrangement with the White House to receive copies of all his clients' material turned over to the Watergate special prosecutor.

The Washington Post, quoting informed sources, reported yesterday that there was such an agreement between Wilson and the White House.

One of the sources insisted

late yesterday that there was such an agreement but added: "The story nipped the arrangement in the bud."

J. Fred Buzhardt, special presidential counsel for Watergate matters, said that Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Wilson have received no special preferential treatment from him in gaining access to documents and information in their files. But he conceded that others at the White House "may have" provided the two former aides privileged treatment.

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