

Judge Voids Suit on Haig In Two Roles

U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith Jr. yesterday dismissed a suit charging that White House chief of staff Alexander M. Haig Jr. illegally held dual positions as a presidential assistant and as an Army general.

The judge ruled that the plaintiff, local public interest attorney Alan B. Morrison, lacked standing to bring the suit.

Haig was named an assistant to the President on May 4, 1973. After the suit was filed in June, the White House announced Haig's retirement from the Army effective Aug. 1.

The suit claimed initially that it was illegal for Haig to serve in the White House and in the Army, and later that the Army illegally accepted his retirement. According to the suit, Haig technically terminated his Army employment upon accepting the White House appointment in May.