

Colson Plea Refusal

Washington

Charles W. Colson refused an offer from special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski to plead guilty to a misdemeanor, UPI learned yesterday.

According to at least two sources, Jaworski made the offer to Colson, former special White House counsel, during a period of intense plea-bargaining in January.

Colson refused to com-

ment to UPI about the offer.

A spokesman for Jaworski also refused comment. According to the sources, Colson said he could not plead guilty — even to a misdemeanor “because he believes he is innocent.”

Colson was indicted March 1 in connection with the Watergate coverup, and on March 7 in connection with the Ellsberg break-in.

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