

**SOURCES SAY COLSON
SPURNED PLEA OFFER**

WASHINGTON, May 1 (UPI)—Charles W. Colson reportedly refused an offer from the special Watergate prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, to plead guilty to a misdemeanor.

At least two sources reported today that Mr. Jaworski made the offer to Mr. Colson, former special White House counsel, during a period of intense plea-bargaining in January.

Mr. Colson refused to comment about the offer. A spokesman for Mr. Jaworski also refused comment.

According to the sources, Mr. Colson said he could not plead guilty—even to a misdemeanor—because he believed he was innocent.

Mr. Colson was indicted March 1 on two counts of conspiracy and obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up, and on March 7 on one count of conspiracy against the rights of citizens in the Ellsberg breakin.