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**Buzhardt Is
In Hospital**

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J. Fred Buzhardt, White House counsel and one of President Nixon's top Watergate advisers, was reported in serious but stable condition yesterday after suffering what is thought to be a heart attack.

Buzhardt, 50, was admitted to Fairfax Hospital in suburban Virginia shortly after midnight. A friend said he was suffering severe chest pains when admitted. A hospital representative said Buzhardt was thought to have suffered a myocardial infarction, which she de-

finied as "a clot in the heart muscle."

A White House announcement said Buzhardt's condition is stable and that he is resting comfortably.

Associates said Buzhardt had been up most of Tuesday night working on a White House legal position in the "plumbers" case, involving former Nixon aide John D. Ehrlichman.

Buzhardt was named counsel to the President on Jan. 4, 1974. Since May 10, 1973, he had been a special



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J. FRED BUZHARDT
A top Nixon adviser

counsel to the President for the Watergate affair.

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