

Haldeman Asks Million for Book About His Years in White House

H. R. Haldeman, President Nixon's former chief of staff, is seeking \$1-million through an agent for rights to a book he is writing about his years in the White House.

At least five New York publishing houses—Grosset & Dunlap; Holt, Rinehart & Winston; Macmillan; Random House, and Simon & Schuster — are reported to have been approached about the book, which carries the working title "Inside."

Officials at Holt and at Simon & Schuster said the projected work had been rejected; Macmillan and Random House declined to discuss the matter, and Grosset & Dunlap said they had asked to know more about the project.

Hank Saperstein, the president of H. G. Saperstein Associates, a Los Angeles merchandising concern, who is acting as Mr. Haldeman's agent, said publishers had been shown an eight-page outline and a dummy book jacket with a photograph of Mr. Haldeman and the President.

Mr. Saperstein said that Mr. Haldeman had been brought to him by a mutual friend. He said that Mr. Haldeman had started work on the book sometime in May and had dictated about 10,000 words so far.

"He is writing what he feels will be an authoritative and accurate account of what happened during those five years he was involved," Mr. Saperstein said. As for Watergate, he said, "There'll be something in there on it, but it's not the focus of the book."

See transcription, CBS News 10 Aug 74,
on inquiries through literary agent
about possible publication of a book by
Nixon, which took place "a month ago."