A NIXON AIDE OFFERS AN APOLOGY TO KALB

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)

—A White House official criticized a CBS television news-man today for not having identified the source of a report but then offered a tentative apology when told the source was Secretary of State Kis-singer.

was Secretary of State Kissinger.

Bruce Herschensohn, deputy special assistant to the President, criticized a report by Marvin Kalb of CBS News quoting "high officials" as saying that the Watergate scandal weakened the United States position in talks with the Soviet Union on limiting strategic arms.

But Mr. Herschensohn offered an apology after reporters told him that the assessment of the Watergate impact was made by Mr. Kissinger, who had discussed the arms talks with newsmen on condition that he not be directly identified.

"If I was wrong about Dr. Kissinger and if Marvin Kalb quoted him correctly, I apologize," Mr. Herschensohn said.