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Woodcock Buffs Hoffa Allegation

DETROIT, July 30 (UPI)—United Auto Workers President Leonard Woodcock Monday denied a statement by former White House aide Charles Colson that he asked that restrictions be placed on the union activities of James Hoffa when he was freed from prison by President Nixon.

"It's absurd on its face," Woodcock said in a news conference.

Woodcock said the extent of his involvement with the release of the former teamsters president from a federal penitentiary was to ask administration officials to consider a commutation for Hoffa, who was serving a 13-year sentence for mail fraud and jury tampering.