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Nixon White House Accused of Abusing U.S. Civil Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP) —A report on the soundness of the Civil Service and its merit system describes recent abuses in hiring as the most serious in the history of the Federal personnel system.

Written for a committee of Congress by a former executive director of the United States Civil Service Commission, the report said that investigation in 1973 "revealed an unprecedented degree of systematic abuses beginning in 1969."

It also said, however, that the basic structure of the Civil Service system was sound, but that legislative changes were needed to prevent future widespread subversion of the merit system.

The report was released today by the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Services. It was written under contract by Bernard Rosen, who retired in July 1975 as executive director of the Civil Services Commission.

His recommendations included the prohibiting of referral of job applicants for competitive career jobs in Civil Service "other than through the authorized process" and requiring the Civil Service Commission to report annually on violations of its laws, rules and merit promoting principles.

Charges that came to the surface in 1973, primarily in Civil Service hiring for positions in the General Services Administration, revolved around allegations that the Nixon White House was able to exert influence on who would get jobs.