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HOUSTON, Aug. 25 (AP) - Leon Jaworski says the bait of an appointment to the United States Supreme Court was dangled before him when he arrived in Washington to discuss his appointment as special Watergate prosecutor.

Mr. Jaworski, a Houston lawyer, said he was met at Andrews Air Force Base on Oct. 31, 1973, by Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., then President Nixon's chief of staff.

Mr. Jaworski recounted the meeting in his book, "The Right and the Power," which went on sale here today.

The attorney said that General Haig told him almost immediately: "You're highly regarded, and it's no secret that you're high on the list for appointment to the Supreme Court."

Mr. Jaworski wrote: "I suppressed a smile. The remark could have been either flattery, part fact, but I suspected it was all bait."

Continuing, he said he replied, "My serving on the Supreme Court was discussed in the Lyndon Johnson Administration. I had no interest in it then, and I have none now."

Jaworski says little in the book about the pardon of Mr. H.R. Haldeman, who had been Nixon by President Ford but the White House chief of staff offers some conclusions about the former President.

"I often wondered," Mr. Jaworski writes, "how Nixon was able to concentrate even briefly, when the White House was a beehive of activity. His statement that he was informed of Watergate matters only that he was in the Oval Office, 'clay charges against Mr. Haldeman, ... scheming, plotting and finally sacrificing his staff and others.' United States District Court Judge John J. Sirica refused to assure Mr. Haldeman's attorney what sort of sentence his client might face.

Mr. Jaworski also writes that he believed President Nixon would have remained in office if he had destroyed his tapes.

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The book had been scheduled for release in September, but officials at Gulf Publishing Company said it would be released today in Houston. The Houston Post obtained a copy one by one so as to save himself.

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