

Mrs. Haldeman

A Working Wife

Los Angeles

The book that is dominating Jo Haldeman's life is not her husband's forthcoming novel, "The Ends of Power."

It is a gray, multiple listings real estate book.

Since H. R. Haldeman was sent to Lompoc federal prison for Watergate-related charges, Mrs. Haldeman has supported the household by selling real estate. And in the 21 months since she started, she has sold or helped sell 69 pieces of property worth \$14 million.

A couple of Christmases ago, Haldeman gave his wife a real estate sales course for a present.

"I dug in. It was hard work, but in three months I passed the test and went to work ... What I earn now is our only income at the moment, but there will be



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JO HALDEMAN She sells real estate

funds from the book when it is published," Jo Haldeman says.

Aside from her work, Mrs.

Haldeman's time is divided between church activities — she teaches a baby class at Sunday school — and Lompoc, where she eats a picnic lunch with her husband every Saturday.

"It's 150 miles away, a three-hour drive, and once I got a speeding ticket for driving there too fast," she said. "It's a gorgeous drive, though, because it's typical California scenery ... But I return home after every visit drained and totally enervated."

What are her plans after her husband is released from prison?

"We will never go on another picnic," she said. "The Thermos is broken and I will not have it replaced; the cooler is broken and I will not have it repaired! We may take a trip. It would be so wonderful to be able to take a trip."

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