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THIS ENVELOPE CONTAINS A COPY OF A LETTER WRITTEN BY DEFT MCCORD ON JAN. 1, 1972, TO GERALD ALCH, ESQUIRE, TOGETHER WITH PEN AND INK NOTATIONS OF D. TODD CHRISTOFFERSON APPEARING ON REVERSE SIDE OF LETTER, DATED JAN. 2, 1972, TOGETHER WITH A MEMO FOR RECORD PREPARED BY MRS ALEASE M. HOLLEY, JUDGE SIRICA'S ~~THE~~ SECRETARY.

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JAMES W. McCORD, JR.
7 WINDER COURT
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

January 1, 1972

Mr. Gerald Alch
1 Center Plaza
Boston, Massachusetts

CRIMINAL NO. 1827-72

Dear Mr. Alch:

This is to release you as my attorney as of today.

Subsequent communications will request transfer of appropriate records out of the Watergate hearings and case to date to the attorney who will be handling this matter for me.

Very truly yours,

James W. McCord Jr

*Mr. McCord:
762-0189 (home)
340-8110 (office)*

(SEE PEN & INK NOTATIONS MADE BY D TODD CHRISTOFFERSON, JUDGE SIRICA'S LAW CLERK, APPEARING ON REVERSE SIDE, AND THE MEMO FOR RECORD DATED 1-2-72 PREPARED BY MRS ALEASE M HOLLEY, JUDGE SIRICA'S SECRETARY, CONCERNING THIS MATTER.)

January 2, 1973

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This document, together with the pen and ink notations appearing on the reverse side thereof made by D Todd Christofferson, my Law Clerk, and the memo for record attached prepared by Alease M Holley, my Secretary, shall be FILED, TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL AND SEALED UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THIS COURT.

John J. Sirica
JOHN J SIRICA
Chief Judge

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Mr. McCord came into chambers to inform the Court that he had dismissed Mr. Alch as his attorney. I spoke with him for several minutes beginning at approximately 10:10 AM. He gave me this copy of the letter he was forwarding to Mr. Alch, and said he had informed Mr. Alch of his decision by telephone through Mr. Shankman. Mr. McCord was under the impression that a pretrial conference would be held today and thought, therefore, that he might need court-appointed counsel for the conference to assist Mr. Shankman. We found that there was no such conference, and I told Mr. McCord he would not need court-appointed counsel particularly in view of the fact that he intended to retain new counsel within 48 hours and that Mr. Shankman was still in the case.

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Mr. Gerald Alch phoned Chief Judge Sirica at about 10:25 a.m. on the above date. He asked Judge Sirica if Mr. McCord had been in to see him during the morning.

Judge Sirica told him that Mr. McCord had been in the office and had spoken with his law clerk. He had said something to the law clerk about getting a new attorney, however, Judge Sirica emphasized that Mr. Alch and Mr. Shankman were not dismissed from the case, and that as far as he was concerned they were still in the case.

Mr. Alch stated that he understood that, but that the purpose of his call was to find out whether or not Mr. McCord actually spoke to Judge Sirica. He said that the first word he had of his dismissal was this morning when he received a telephone call from Mr. Shankman who read the letter to him over the telephone and he is somewhat mystified by the whole affair.

Judge Sirica emphasized to Mr. Alch that he was looking to him and to Mr. Shankman to defend McCord and whatever the differences between them was another matter, but they could only be relieved from the case by the Court and they were to consider themselves attorneys of record in this case.

Q. H.
(Alease M Holley, Judge
Sirica's Secretary)