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Fired Clinton aide gets a Whitewater subpoena

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Whitewater prosecutors issued a subpoena yesterday to a top Clinton campaign aide who was fired from his White House job after commandeering two military helicopters for a golf outing.

The subpoena was issued to David Watkins, director of the White House Office of Administration until his dismissal last fall.

Mr. Watkins, an aide in Mr. Clinton's gubernatorial and presidential campaigns, was asked by Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr's office to turn over any documents in his possession concerning Whitewater Development Corp., Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan and several Arkansas banks.

Asked about the subpoena, Mr. Watkins declined to comment.

Amid a flurry of activity, prosecutors in Little Rock also summoned Susan McDougal, one of President and Hillary Clinton's former partners in the Whitewater real estate venture, to a meeting today.

Two sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said lawyers on Mr. Starr's staff planned to lay out in detail to Mrs. McDougal

their potential criminal case against her.

The White House, meanwhile, added two lawyers to its staff to help prepare for a new round of congressional questioning.

Officials said Jane Sherburne and Miriam Nemetz will primarily help prepare for what is expected to be a much tougher and broader congressional inquiry now that Republicans control both the House and Senate.

Both lawyers are from the firm of former White House Counsel Lloyd Cutler. Miss Sherburne, who will hold the title of special counsel to the president, worked temporarily with Mr. Cutler last summer in preparing for the first round of congressional Whitewater hearings then.

Investigators for the past year have been looking into whether depositors' funds at Madison Guaranty — once owned by Mrs. McDougal and her ex-husband, James — were used to benefit Mr. Clinton's gubernatorial campaigns or the Whitewater land development in the Ozarks.

Madison Guaranty was taken over by the federal government in 1989.