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WHITE HOUSE AIDS TEXAS DEMOCRAT

G.O.P. Candidate Retracts Charge Laid to Ford

Special to The New York Times

FORT WORTH, Oct. 5—The White House, acting at the request of a Democrat, has requested a Republican Congressional candidate here to retract political statements he had attributed to President Ford.

James Garvey, the Republican candidate for Texas' 12th District, which includes Fort Worth, conceded yesterday that he had not quoted the President correctly in a news conference. He also acknowledged that Dean Burch, a White House aide, had telephoned him and asked that he retract comments he attributed to Mr. Ford.

The initial call for the retraction originated with Representative James C. Wright Jr., Mr. Garvey's Democratic opponent who is completing his 10th term in Congress.

During a news conference, Mr. Garvey reported that the President had said recently: "One of the major causes of inflation has been the willingness of Congressmen like Jim Wright to vote for every spending bill."

Denial by Ford

When Mr. Wright heard about this, he called Mr. Burch and John Marsh, another White House aide, who denied the President had made such a statement.

Yesterday, Mr. Garvey said Mr. Burch called him Wednesday night and asked that a retraction be made. Calling Mr. Burch, former national G.O.P. chairman, a "two-bit flunky," Mr. Garvey complained that the White House aide was "working harder for Congressman Wright than he was for me."

Explaining the misquote he attributed to the President, Mr. Garvey said: "When I used Jim Wright's name as an example of a free-spending Congressman, I was using it for emphasis because he is the highest spender from Texas, according to the National Taxpayers Union."

He added that other comments had been based on the President's address to Congress on Aug. 12 when he called for support of Republicans and Democrats who "consistently vote for tough decisions to cut the cost of government and bring inflation under control."

Mr. Wright, a moderate Democrat, cited his long association with the President in Congress and said that his respect for the President's integrity had prompted the call for a retraction.

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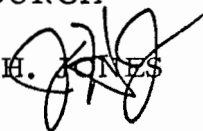
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DEAN BURCH

FROM:

JERRY H. JONES 

The attached was returned in the President's outbox and is forwarded for your information.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld