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MEDIA RELEASE

CARTER CHIEF OF STAFF TO SPEAK AT UM LAW SCHOOL FEB. 10

MISSOULA --

Jack H. Watson Jr., White House chief of staff for President Carter, will speak on "Politics, Public Service and the Presidency" as part of the Blankenbaker Lecture Series at the University of Montana School of Law at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10.

The speech is free and open to the public.

Watson first worked with Carter as chairman of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol in 1971 when Carter was governor of Georgia. He served in several posts for Carter and his election campaign and was appointed in 1977 as assistant to the president for intergovernmental affairs and secretary to the Cabinet, where he served three and one-half years. He was then appointed as Carter's chief of staff, where he directed all White House units supporting the president.

Born in El Paso, Tex. Watson grew up in Pine Bluff, Ark. He graduated

Phi Beta Kappa from Vanderbilt University in 1960 and earned a law degree from

Harvard University law school in 1966 after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He

is married to Teena Mohr of Atlanta, and they have three children.

Watson will be the fourth Blankenbaker speaker since 1978. The lecture series was established by the foundation of Joseph N. Blankenbaker to supplement educational programs in professional responsibility for leadership and competence in the practice of law.

Blankenbaker was born in Madison, Va., in 1885 and moved west at the age of 23. He worked on ranches and in several Montana banks, retiring from Northwestern National Bank of Great Falls in 1953. He established his foundation in 1975 at the age of 90.

For more information about the lecture, interested persons may call the UM law school at 243-4311.