**Watergate Salad**

*From the Kitchen of*[*Deep South Dish*](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.deepsouthdish.com%2F&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNHvOBhihF61VsSbkl217CSrL8EYuA)

1 (20 ounce) can of crushed pineapple, in 100% pineapple juice, drained - reserve the juice

1 (14 oz) can of fruit cocktail drained - reserve the juice

1-2 small packages of instant pistachio pudding mix

1c-1 large (16 ounce) tub of Cool Whip, thawed

1.5-2 cups of miniature marshmallows

~~1 cup of chopped pecans or walnuts~~, *optional*

Drain the pineapple and fruit cocktail, but reserve the juice!! Stir together half of the pineapple juice with the pudding mix until well blended. Gently fold in the Cool Whip and carefully stir in the pineapple, fruit cocktail, marshmallows, and pecans. Add additional juice only if needed - you want this to be moist but not runny. Cover and refrigerate at least one hour or preferably overnight. Scoop into [individual clear goblets](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000NSGZ58/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=myne30-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B000NSGZ58) and garnish with shredded sweet coconut, chopped nuts and/or Maraschino cherries, if desired.