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WASHINGTON—Despite all the investigations, hearings and trials, serious questions still remain unanswered about Watergate four years after the arrest of five burglars in Democratic National Committee headquarters. Many of those questions are about money.

The Nixon tapes pose some of these money questions. For example, President Nixon said to his White House counsel, John Dean, during a key Watergate coverup meeting on March 21, 1973: "... a million dollars. And you could get it in cash. I, I know where it could be gotten."

WHERE DID Nixon think he could get \$1 million in cash that Dean estimated would be needed for the continuing coverup payments? No one has ever provided an answer.

On April 17, 1973, Nixon again discussed money as the Watergate coverup was beginning to unravel: "Legal fees will be substantial... But there is a way we can get it to you, and uh—two or three hundred thousand dollars... No strain. Doesn't come outta me."

But who would it come out of? No one has ever answered that question.

In the same conversation Nixon continued: "I didn't, I never intended to use the money at all. As a matter of fact, I told B-B Bebe, uh, basically be sure that people like uh, who, who have (been) contributing years are, uh, favored."

Who, if anyone, was ever favored? There has never been an answer to that question.

Lawrence M. Higby, an aide to White House Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman, testified that Haldeman told him there was \$400,000 available for legal fees from a cash fund kept under the control of Nixon's friend Charles G. (Bebe) Rebozo.

Government investigators never found more than the \$100,000 which billionaire Howard Hughes had given to Rebozo.

Rebozo testified that after keeping the Hughes \$100,000 cash in a safe deposit box for three years he

returned the money to the Hughes organization.

This Hughes \$100,000 triggered broad investigations of both Rebozo's and Nixon's personal finances in 1974, but no charges were ever brought.

Locked in the files of the Watergate Special Prosecutor's office are the results of two investigations never made public which focused on the unanswered Nixon money questions.

First, according to well-placed sources and on-the-record confirmation by some principals, the prosecutors established that Nixon and his secretary, Rose Mary Woods, collected \$100,000 in cash at the White House in November 1971.

It is the first known example that Nixon or Woods actually collected money at the White House.

This \$100,000 was kept in Woods' safe at Nixon's direction for about 18 months—until six months after the 1972 election. It was returned in June 1973 within several days of the return of the Hughes \$100,000.

This was several weeks after the Internal Revenue Service had begun investigation of the Hughes \$100,000.

The prosecutors have also discovered that Saudi Arabian businessman Adnan Khashoggi, now a central figure in the foreign payoff scandal, kept an account in Rebozo's bank in Key Biscayne.

Two separate cash withdrawals of \$100,000 from the account—one in May 1972 and the other in November 1972—could never fully be traced. When the withdrawals were made Khashoggi was lobbying to get a presidential endorsement for a multi-billion-dollar plan to allow the Saudis to get advances of American capital for Saudi oil reserves.

The current Watergate prosecutor, Charles Ruff, flew to London to interview Khashoggi's wife three months ago in the continuing investigation of Khashoggi's Key Biscayne account.

THE \$100,000 received by Nixon and Woods at the White House in 1971 was given by Minnesota millionaire Dwayne O. Andreas. Andreas told investigators that the money was an early 1972 campaign contribution.

On the surface this might be no more than a footnote to the Water-

gate story.

But there was another Andreas secret contribution to the Nixon campaign. This was \$25,000 in cash given through Nixon Midwest fundraiser Kenneth H. Dahlberg. This \$25,000 was eventually in the form of a cashier's check made out to Dahlberg, deposited in the bank account of one of the Watergate burglars.

It provided investigators in 1972 with the first concrete connection between the Watergate burglars and the Nixon campaign commit-