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The New York Times and The Washington Post reported today that Nixon's former personal lawyer, Herbert Kalmbach, had told the Senate Watergate Committee and the Watergate special prosecutor's office that Bebe Rebozo told him that he, Rebozo, had distributed portions of the secret Hughes \$100,000 campaign contribution to President Nixon's brothers and his personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods. Kalmbach declined today to confirm or deny the published reports.

Quoting well-placed sources, the New York Times said Kalmbach had testified that he had met with Rebozo in the White House basement on April 30th, the same day that Nixon's top aides resigned over Watergate. Kalmbach said Rebozo opened the meeting by saying he was speaking at the request of "the big man," the President. The Washington Post said Kalmbach testified that he concluded from Rebozo's statements that Nixon was aware that Donald Nixon and Miss Woods had received some of the Hughes money, although Rebozo did not specifically tell him that.

Rebozo's lawyer, Rose Mary Woods' lawyer, and Donald and Edward Nixon have all denied the report. President Nixon has said that he never knew about the Hughes contribution until Rebozo decided to return it last June. Nixon said at a news conference last October that he had full confidence in Rebozo, that Rebozo was an honest man.

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