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Discolure in Rose Mary Woods' testimony yesterday in Mitchell-Stans trial, notes written before arrival a.m. newspaper, based on electronic reporting.

She had the secret list of secret cash contributors to Nixon's re-election campaign, from earlier testimony elsewhere, the only records after the shredders ~~for~~ finished.

She testified yesterday that Vesco's \$200,000 contribution was not on this list.

But it was the largest single such contribution.

We also know from earlier Ervin testimony that this \$200,000 was kept in that CREEP safe/stash, the funds drawn upon for the Liddy operations.

There is no reflection of the tracing or the attempted tracing of this money in any of the investigations and there is no possibility of its inclusion in any of the charges in the more recent indictments, particularly those dealing with obstruction of justice or the Plumbers.

This money, like all the major parts of these secret CREEP funds, were in \$100 bills. The ostensible reason is because this is the largest denomination the distribution of which is not required to be recorded by banks.

However, the absence of requirement that records be kept doesnot mean that no records are kept. Tracing is not impossible, witness the speed with which the FBI traced those bills recovered at the WG to Barker's bank and thence to Mexico whence, despite strong official interferences, back to Texas and Andreas/Dahlberg sources. This was, in fact, easy for the FBI.

There has been no reporting of and no indication of any tracing of the \$10,000 in \$100 bills Dorothy Hunt was carrying. The cover story was a childishness and was soon enough proven false. I have traced this a little farther and the official records I have make investigation of the source of that money even more necessary.

But this money was recovered, the serial numbers were recorded, and they have never appeared anywhere. From private Chicago sources I understand that most of the bills originated with the NY Federal Reserve Bank. The handling of this money assured that the identification of the bills would disappear in Chicago. Records should continue to be in coroner's local and national investigative files. But nobody else can undertake to trace the original source.

Of these original sources that can be conjectured, Vesco is the most obvious one. All that I know is consistent with Vesco's \$200,000 having been the source of this and other clandestine/criminal activity.

It now is without question that Dorothy Hunt was the bagperson in the obstruction of justice some of which is now charged and in some cases admitted. Therefore, the source of her loot and the purposes for which she was carrying it and even more at this juncture, what she had planned to do with it in Chicago, become relevant.

Conversely, lack of interest and lack of proper investigation and lack of adequate reporting of this become part of the obstruction of justice. Official omission ~~is~~ I think, further official obstructions of justice, more commonly called covering up and continued in the new indictments.

I made many efforts from the time of the crash to get the press to try to trace these D. Hunt bills, immediately, as I recall, with the WxPost, Chicago Daily News and Wash. Star-News. The last effort was with CBS News, Plissner, last month, when I gave him a copy of both sides of the check for this money so he could go off on his own and offered more if I agreed with how they would pursue.