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White House Was Involved--Segretti

NEW YORK (AP) — Dirty trickster Donald Segretti says there apparently was a White House attempt to influence his case prior to his indictment but he wasn't aware of it until much later.

Segretti, who was involved in political sabotage of Democratic presidential candidates and served a jail term for his illegal campaign activities, commented in a taped interview with CBS newsmen Mike Wallace aired Sunday night on the "60 Minutes Show."

Segretti also said he was informed that a reporter for the New York Times was given copies of raw FBI files on him "to show the press and the world that they had in-

vestigated me thoroughly."

And he related that once when he asked his "paymaster," President Nixon's personal attorney, Herbert Kalmbach, for \$5,000 Kalmbach gave him \$25,000 in cash in a brown envelope, saying: "Here's 25, be careful with it."

He said Kalmbach had told him that instead of giving him checks for his campaign dirty tricks, "he wished to switch to green."

Segretti said: "Perhaps it would have been better for me to perhaps come out very early in the ball game and say, all right, this is what happened." But he said he was advised against it by an attorney whom John Dean, then White House counsel, referred him to.