



DWIGHT L. CHAPIN SEN. HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
 ... an "overdue letter of apology" for campaign tricks.

Chapin Apologizes For Trickson HHH

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MINNEAPOLIS, June 3—Dwight L. Chapin, President Nixon's former appointments secretary, has written Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) apologizing for his connection with "dirty tricks" played on the senator during the 1972 Democratic primaries campaign.

Chapin's hand-written letter said:

"Dear Mr. Vice President: This is a long overdue letter of apology. Don Segretti's acts are my responsibility to bear. I am deeply regretful for the incidents that occurred against you in the 1972 campaign. It is recognized how very wrong I was and that my actions jeopardized a system I love and respect."

The note was signed "sincerely."

The letter was marked "personal and confidential," and Humphrey had not intended to release it to the press, but after it was quoted today in the Minneapolis Star, Humphrey confirmed it by telephone from his Washington office. Humphrey added:

"It shows there is a little decency left in the world, that there is still goodness in the world. I also got a

similar note from Donald Segretti, and he stopped by my office to apologize."

Chapin's letter arrived last week, Humphrey said, and the Segretti note and visit came about four months ago.

Chapin, who resigned Feb. 28, 1973, was the White House contact with Segretti, who ran a political espionage-sabotage operation in the 1972 re-election campaign. Chapin was convicted of lying to a grand jury when he denied telling Segretti to focus his political dirty tricks on the presidential primary campaign of Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine), and when he denied knowing that Segretti was distributing faked campaign literature.

Segretti, who served 4½ months in jail, told the special Senate Watergate Committee in October that he had distributed a phony letter on Muskie stationery, accusing two other presidential primary candidates, Humphrey and Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), of sexual misconduct. Segretti also distributed fliers in Milwaukee advertising free lunch and drinks at Humphrey's primary campaign headquarters.