

Announcer: The Real Paper in Boston published an article this week, detailing the alleged ties between President Nixon, former aide Charles Colson, and the Mafia. The story was said to be based on a secret report from Dun and Bradstreet in New York. Here with a summary of the article, written by Charles McCallum (phonetic) is Real Paper editor Paul Solomon (phonetic):

Solomon (voice) -- A Dun and Bradstreet investigative report, done for a major Boston law firm, contends that President Nixon and former White House aide Charles Colson knowingly accepted campaign funds from major Mafia figures, and as a result interfered with Justice Department investigations of organized crime. A portion of the report made available to The Real Paper covers the relationship between Nixon, Colson, the Teamsters Union and Mafia families in Las Vegas, Southern California and New Jersey, and makes the following charges:

1. That Nixon and Colson accepted a total of \$300,000 in unreported campaign contributions from Frank Sinatra and the Teamsters to "expedite" the release from prison of New Jersey Mafia boss Angelo de Carlo.
2. That \$350,000 in 1968 Nixon campaign funds, and \$300,000 in Mafia money was used to finance the purchase of the Nixon San Clemente home in 1969.
3. That the aborted 1972 raid on the offices of the Los Vegas Sun by the so-called plumbers unit was not aimed at-- as has been reported -- documents on Sen. Edmund Muskie, or memos from Howard Hughes (word unintelligible: Outlining?) help to be given Nixon in the 1972 campaign, but instead, copies of the ~~the~~ papers dealing -- detailing -- the San Clemente deal.
4. That Nixon and Colson, through former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst, had the Justice Department drop labor fraud charges against Richard Fitzsimmons, son of Teamster boss and Nixon supporter Frank Fitzsimmons.
5. That, as has been widely reported elsewhere, Nixon and Colson arranged the parole of former Teamster president James Hoffa and then, at the request of Fitzsimmons, wrote into the conditions of parole a clause barring Hoffa from holding office in the union.
6. That Nixon, Colson and Attorneys-General Kleindienst and John Mitchell consistently thwarted promising investigations into Mafia activities, particularly in Southern California, and, finally:
7. (And most astonishing, perhaps) that in 1971 and again in 1972, Colson contacted the Labor Department, the National Labor Relations Board and the Justice Department on behalf of Nixon, and told them to stay out of the Teamsters-United Farm Workers fight in California, unless they could harass the UFW. Cesar Chavez said in Boston last week in a public appearance that the reports ~~concerning~~ regarding the Teamsters and the United Farm Workers are supported by other evidence his union has received..

So far Dun and Bradstreet, perhaps the most prestigious business research company in the United States, has refused officially to confirm or deny its responsibility for the Colson report. New York and Boston reporters, however, working independently on the Real Paper, have established through their own sources that Dun and Bradstreet did conduct and write up the Colson investigation. This is Paul Solomon, the editor of The Real Paper, for Charlie McCallum.
