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# Ronan Denies Refusal To Divulge Information

William J. Ronan, chairman of the New York-New Jersey Port Authority and a former aide to Vice President-designate Nelson A. Rockefeller, yesterday denied that he has refused to give any information to the House Judiciary Committee investigating the Rockefeller nomination.

Ronan, in a brief statement issued through a port authority press aide, said a story in The Washington Post Saturday was "absolutely untrue."

"I have supplied information and, in fact, am in the process of obtaining and supplying additional information," Ronan said.

The Post story reported that Ronan had refused to provide specific data on his personal finances to committee investigators and said that leading committee members expect to subpoena Ronan to testify, if he continued to balk.

The committee is exploring gifts totaling \$625,000 which Nelson Rockefeller made to

Ronan over a period of 17 years while Rockefeller was governor of New York and Ronan served in various public jobs, including chairmanship of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.), whose Judiciary subcommittee has been reviewing the material on the nomination, said that Ronan had refused to provide any specifics on what he did with the Rockefeller money and that committee members expected to subpoena him.

Ronan's press aide, Ed Franzetti, was asked if the press statement meant that Ronan would answer all of the committee's questions about his finances. Franzetti said, "I don't think I can comment any further than the statement."

The Judiciary Committee and the Senate Rules Committee are expected to begin hearings with Rockefeller and other witnesses after the election recess.