

Flanigan denies offering

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former White House aide Peter M. Flanigan denied under oath Wednesday that he offered ambassadorships in exchange for contributions to former President Richard M. Nixon's campaigns.

Flanigan's testimony to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which is considering his nomination to be ambassador to Spain, conflicted with that given House impeachment

investigators by Herbert Kalmbach, former lawyer for Nixon.

Sen. J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, did not indicate any attempt to resolve the differences.

The charge of selling ambassadorships was one of several raised before the committee by Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton, D-Mo., who said Flanigan is unfit to hold such a high post

because of his role in the ITT antitrust affair, the ambassadorships allegation and his reputation of being the White House go-between for businessmen seeking favors.

Senate Democratic Whip Robert C. Byrd has said the ITT case alone is enough to convince him that Flanigan is unfit.

"Most of these matters have been looked into at great length by the

jobs for contributions

Watergate special prosecutor ... and his response is that they know about these things and they have no charges against me," Flanigan said in response to Eagleton's allegations.

Flanigan, 54, specifically denied any unethical role in the ITT case, any

attempt to sell ambassadorships, and any allegation that he used his position as presidential adviser to financially enhance himself.

Flanigan said no charge of buying an ambassadorial post could be raised in connection with his nomination because

he gave only \$25 to Nixon in 1972.

The ITT controversy surfaced in 1970 with accusations the conglomerate had promised a \$400,000 subsidy to the Republican National Convention in return for a favorable settlement in the merger case.