

Consultant's Job Linked to Rebozo

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HOUSTON, May 14 (UPI)—C. G. (Bebe) Rebozo, former Attorney General John Mitchell and Sen. John Tower (R-Tex.) aided in securing a government job for a political supporter in exchange for information on the Chicano political party in Texas, The Houston Post said in a copyrighted story today.

The newspaper said documents in the Watergate investigation indicate that three strong supporters of President Nixon's re-election in 1972 influenced the hiring of Celso Moreno, then of Corpus Christi, to a position with the Cabinet Committee on Opportunities for Spanish-Speaking People.

Campaign documents held by the Senate Watergate committee, the Post said, show that Moreno gathered political information on the political party La Raza Unida while paid \$400 a week as a government consultant.

The documents show that Nixon campaign officials were trying to appease La Raza Unida so it would remain neutral in the 1972 presidential election, the Post said.

Federal law prohibits government employees from engaging in partisan politics.

According to the Post, in April, 1972, Rebozo, a close friend of the President, wrote then campaign manager Mitchell about Moreno. Rebozo was a political acquaintance of Moreno.

Records show that Mitchell forwarded the letter to Alex Armendariz, then head of the Spanish-speaking division of the Committee to re-elect the President.

Tower's office asked Armendariz to meet with Moreno to discuss job possibilities, the Post said.

Armendariz said he called a Spanish-speaking White House aide concerning Moreno.

"Mitchell's interested in him, Bebe Rebozo's interested in him, Tower's office is interested in him, so let's see if we can't get him on," Armendariz reportedly said in an interview last week.

Armendariz denied having used Moreno for political work, but he did say he may have received unsolicited memoranda from Moreno about Spanish-speaking political activities.

Tower's office Monday denied that the senator encouraged campaign or administration officials to place Moreno in a government position.