

Mills Backers Asked About Dairy Funds

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 18 (UPI)—Two officials of the Draft Mills for President Committee have been questioned by the Watergate Special prosecutor's staff and the Senate Watergate committee staff about possible illegal campaign contributions.

The officials were asked specifically about contributions from the Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

Charles Ward of Conway, Ark., who was chairman of the committee, and George Jernigan of Little Rock, treasurer, were questioned by John Galus, a member of Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski's staff, in December. They appeared voluntarily.

Rep. Wilbur Mills (D-Ark.) said Sunday when reached at his Washington home that he had not been questioned by the Watergate committee staff or the special prosecutor's staff. "They've not been in touch with me at all," he said.

The draft committee was active up to the time Mills announced as a candidate. It was then superseded by the Mills for President Committee, headed by Pat McGann of New Jersey.

Ward, who is also Democratic national committeeman for Arkansas, said the financial records of the committee were turned over to the special prosecutor's staff voluntarily, and then were subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate committee. The subpoena was issued so the committee could get the records from the prosecutor's staff, Ward said.

Ward said the prosecutor's staff "wanted to know about the campaign in general." He said "some questions" were asked about AMPI, the largest dairy cooperative in the nation, which is under investigation for making illegal political campaign contributions.