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# Kalmbach Said to Detail Milk Fund Talk

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Herbert W. Kalmbach has given secret testimony of a 1971 meeting in his hotel suite at which a leading dairy co-op official was asked to reassure the White House of a \$2 million campaign pledge according to informed sources.

Kalmbach, the sources said, told Senate Watergate investigators that the request was made—and the assurances given—on March 24 1971, at a late-night meeting in his suite in the Madison Hotel here.

Mr. Nixon ordered the milk price increase on March 23, but no announcement was made until March 25.

Besides Kalmbach, who was the President's personal lawyer and chief fund-raiser at the time, those attending the meeting, several sources said, were Harold S. Nelson, general manager of Associated Milk Producers Inc., the nation's biggest dairy co-op and Murray M. Chotiner, a longtime confidant of President Nixon who had just left the White House staff to practice law on a \$60,000-a-year retainer from AMPI.

According to the accounts of Kalmbach's testimony, Chotiner told Nelson that White House domestic adviser John D. Ehrlichman expected the milk producers to confirm their \$2 million "commitment" for Mr.

Nixon's campaign in light of a forthcoming increase in milk price supports.

Kalmbach said that Nelson renewed the promise, the sources reported.

Mr. Nixon has said he personally approved the higher support level on March 23 1971 after a series of White House meetings that day—first with dairy co-op leaders and then with Ehrlichman and other ranking advisers—on the issue.

The White House has acknowledged that Mr. Nixon knew of the \$2 million campaign pledge at the time

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