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WASHINGTON — Sources with access to the secret Watergate testimony have told us the details of how White House aides arranged the delivery of sealed envelopes stuffed with cash to the Watergate defendants, allegedly to buy their silence.

Ex-White House Counsel John Dean enlisted the President's personal attorney, Herb Kalmbach, to handle the money. The two men met, by prearrangement, on the street in front of Washington's Hay-Adams hotel so it would appear to be a chance meeting.

Kalmbach issued cashiers' checks to a New York undercover man, named Antony Ulasewicz, who previously had been employed by the White House to dig up dirt on Sen. Ted Kennedy. Ulasewicz contacted Watergate ringleader E. Howard Hunt's wife, Dorothy, who had been instructed to wait by the telephone for the mysterious call.

Then Dorothy Hunt, using the code name "Chris," would call the Watergate defendants and arrange to slip them the cash.

All the phone calls, beginning with Kalmbach, would be made on pay phones.

In fairness to Kalmbach, he was disturbed about the cloak-and-dagger arrangements and went straight to White House aide John Ehrlichman to make sure the payments were proper. Ehrlichman reassured

him it was in the national interest. White House aides, who arranged the payments, claim the money was intended to pay the legitimate living and legal expenses of the defendants.

Military Show Biz: Military recruiters are encountering problems signing up soldiers since the draft was phased out.

Investigators in Wisconsin found that the Army was accepting men who had been "permanently rejected" by the Selective Service. Some had failed the Army's basic intelligence test. Others had missing trigger fingers, deranged elbows, pins in their hips, heart disease and psychiatric problems.

In addition, the armed forces permit servicemen to serve in their home towns as assistants to the local recruiting officers. The theory is that the young soldiers and sailors will convince their buddies to sign up.

The Pentagon claims the program is "successful." We have received complaints from recruiting sergeants, however, that it isn't working. The young servicemen usually sign up one or two friends, then spend the rest of their time fetching coffee and doughnuts.

In Wooster, Ohio, the Navy wanted to catch the attention of local college

students. A dramatic swearing-in ceremony was arranged 12,000 feet above the city before whirring TV cameras. The Navy brought an ultramodern \$10 million, antisubmarine airplane all the way from Orlando, Fla., for taxpayers of \$88 per flying hour, not to mention the salaries of the eight-man crew.

The Favor Traders: Congressmen are constantly trading favors along with backslaps with lucrative lobbyists on Capitol Hill. Here are some of the latest favors talked about in congressional cloakrooms.

- Representative Burt Talcott, R-Calif., recently put the squeeze on the lobbyists to furnish the prizes for the annual congressional golf tournament. The gifts ranged from golf clubs and furniture to two gaily decorated toilet seats.

- Representative Richard Hanna, D-Calif., has inserted into the Congressional Record speeches which were laudatory of a Southern California homebuilding company. The firm has used the Congressional Record articles in its advertising and promotion. Not surprisingly, one of the founders of the company has contributed heavily to Hanna's campaigns. Recently, Hanna was named as an unpaid director of the construction company's parent firm.