

Bernstein And Woodward Reveal Secret Source

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NEW YORK (AP) — Two Washington Post reporters who pieced together major Watergate stories say that Hugh W. Sloan Jr., onetime treasurer of President Nixon's re-election committee, was a major source of information for them.

Sloan's role and that of a highly placed administration source, whom the reporters call "Deep Throat," are described by Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward in their forthcoming book, "All the President's Men." Excerpts appear in the May and June issues of Playboy magazine.

The Washington Post won a Pulitzer prize in 1973 for its investigation of Watergate, almost all of which was done by Bernstein and Woodward.

Many of the Post's stories were developed by persevering on leads bypassed by government investigators and other newsmen, the articles say, but crucial confirmation often came from a handful of sources including Sloan.

In a parenthetical aside, the authors note that Sloan was never identified as a source in Post stories, but that he has now agreed to allow the disclosure of his name. Sloan declined on Sunday to comment on the Playboy excerpts, although he had read the article.

The book will be published by Simon & Schuster on June 18. A spokeswoman for Playboy said the magazine paid \$30,000 for the right to excerpt 25,000 words, or about a quarter of the total.

It was from Sloan, former treasurer of the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, that Woodward and Bernstein said they first learned the

names of several key controllers of a secret GOP fund for financing campaign activities against the Democrats.

The article also describes a number of clandestine meetings between Woodward and a member of the executive branch, not identified by name but dubbed "Deep Throat."

"'Deep Throat' had access to information at the White House, Justice, the FBI and" reelection committee, the article says. "The man's position in the executive branch was extremely sensitive."

If Woodward wished to set up a meeting with "Deep Throat," according to the article, he would move a flowerpot containing a red flag to the rear of his balcony.