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Kalmbach Receives 6-18 Month Sentence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Herbert W. Kalmbach, who collected millions for Richard Nixon's presidential campaigns and handled his private legal affairs, was sentenced Monday to serve at least six months in prison for violating election laws.

"Your honor, I'd like you to know how deeply embarrassed I am and how much I regret standing before you this afternoon," the 52-year-old Kalmbach said, head down, eyes blinking hard in an obvious effort to retain control.

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica also imposed a \$10,000 fine as he sentenced Kalmbach

to a 6-18 month term on one felony count and 6 months for a misdemeanor. The sentences will run concurrently and will be served at a minimum-security institution.

Kalmbach was the 15th individual sent to prison in the Watergate aftermath. He will report, probably to the prison farm at Lompoc, Calif., on July 1 — the institution closest to his home at Newport Beach, Calif.

In return for Kalmbach's guilty plea on the two counts — one a technical campaign violation, the other bartering an ambassadorship for a \$100,000 contribution — the government promised not to prosecute him for any other violations.

By his own testimony, Kalmbach had been the paymaster for political dirty tickster Don-

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ald H. Segretti, had raised \$220,000 that went to keep the Watergate burglars quiet, has confirmed a \$2-million campaign pledge from milk producers after the White House decided to raise dairy support prices.

His lawyer, James H. O'Connor—a friend for 25 years—told Sirica that Kalmbach was a man whose trust was abused by the White House.

"He is a man who accepts without hesitation the truth of statements from those he accepts as friends," O'Connor said. "What is deplorable to me, shameful, is that these men were so aware of Herbert Kalmbach's willingness to trust.

"He was not on the White House team ... he was not in the planning, the scheming of whatever the White House was doing."

O'Connor said that Kalmbach, a lawyer who had "risen to a position of considerable distinction in the legal profession," had already been punished by loss of his reputation.

Sirica made no comment as he pronounced sentence.