

Some Nixon Bills Paid by Rebozo



Jack Anderson

WXP version (identical), same date,
filed W/gate.

AT THE SAME TIME that Bebe Rebozo was collecting secret cash contributions for President Nixon, the presidential crony also paid some of the President's bills.

We have now traced to Rebozo's personal account an \$11,978.84 check that went to pay for improvements on the President's property at Key Biscayne, Fla.

Reliable sources also claim that Rebozo paid for a swimming pool, a pool table and architectural services for the President. We have not seen the canceled checks, however, for these expenditures.

★ ★ ★

THE \$11,978.84 check, dated Aug. 6, 1969, and signed by Rebozo, was made out to Babcock Co., a Florida firm. A Babcock official, confirming receipt of the check, said it was payment for electrical, air conditioning and painting work on the Nixon home at 516 Bay lane.

The official also confirmed receipt of two other payments for work at the presidential compound. On Aug. 7, 1969, an \$11,307.12 cashier's check was delivered to the company. The cashier's check, drawn on Rebozo's Key Biscayne bank, bears Richard Nixon's name as the remitter. We have established, however, that Mr. Nixon was not in Florida at the time.

Again, on Oct. 9, 1969, Babcock received payment for a \$6299.44 bill, which

the company had submitted to Rebozo for replacing a roof and air conditioning ducts at another of Mr. Nixon's Key Biscayne houses. We have been unable, however, to determine whose check was used in this transaction.

Sources familiar with the financial records also say that Rebozo paid presidential pool, pool table and architectural services, but we have been unable to obtain the exact figures.

★ ★ ★

IT IS an interesting coincidence, however, that these expenditures coincided with the delivery of the first of two \$50,000 cash bundles that billionaire Howard Hughes sent to the President. Richard Danner, a Hughes henchman, told us he delivered the cash to Rebozo at his Key Biscayne bank. It could have been in the summer of 1969, Danner said, but he couldn't be sure.

Hughes' former chief honcho, Robert Maheu, told us he was certain the first \$50,000 was delivered in 1969. To the best of his recollection, he said, it was in August.

The White House did not respond to our inquiries. Rebozo, speaking through an intermediary, said he would have to check his financial records which he did not have at hand. We will be happy to publish their comments when we receive them.