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U.S. Story 'Tip of Iceberg'

'Not Whole Truth'--Alioto

A formal admission that an FBI agent furnished information for a Look magazine article about him was described by Mayor Alioto today as "very significant" but "only the tip of the iceberg."

"I'm not satisfied with them," he said of statements before the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights in Washington by Assistant Attorney General William H. Rehnquist.

The Mayor said he does not believe Herbert Mudd, the agent involved, should be used as the "scapegoat."

"Uncontradicted sworn testimony reveals that Mr. Mudd memorialized his meetings with Mr. (Richard) Carlson (one of the Look writers) in memorandum form to his superiors, Mr. Charles Hiner and Mr. Charles Bates.

"What is being done about Mr. Bates and Mr. Hiner?"

Used Biting Terms

Alioto referred to Henry Peterson, deputy assistant attorney general who met with Look editors according to Rehnquist, in biting terms.

"He's simply not telling the whole truth," the Mayor said. "He should state whether the authors of the article were present at a luncheon in New York . . . and whether he (Peterson) used the Super Bowl as a cover for a meeting with Look lawyers and investigators . . ."

The Washington testimony, Alioto continued, "does

not even discuss the role of FBI agent Jack Armstrong of the San Diego office."

It was Armstrong, he said who provided the Look team with "some of the most exotic aberrations" referring to President Nixon, former Governor Edmund G. Brown, the Di Maggio family, and Alioto.

"Ignores" Bank Information

Furthermore, the Mayor charged, the Attorney General's office "still ignores" the fact that Secret Service Agent Cliff Hamilton gave Look authors confidential bank information.

He charged that "there manifestly is a plan here," and said that the Justice Department should permit agents to testify to establish who authored the plan.

"While we are grateful for the crumbs which have been thrown us," he said, "it is perfectly clear that the representative of the Attorney General is not telling the whole truth."

Peterson, he continued, "is withholding vital information relating to his contacts with Look, both in relation to Look articles and the grand jury investigation in Seattle."

The Mayor said "precious little of the information—raw, unverified, unedited and hearsay," related to him.

An effort was made to tie it to him, he said, by making it appear that he had met at the Nut Tree restaurant with "some of those to whom it related." But the story of that meeting, he added, was "judicially determined to be false."