

# Bizarre White House Probes Reported

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Secret investigations ordered by senior White House aides during the first Nixon administration include probes into the lives of House Speaker Carl Albert, Representative Richard H. Poff (Rep.-Va.), the Smothers Brothers comedy team and the producers of the anti-Nixon movie "Millhouse," according to reliable sources.

Interviews with many government and non-government sources turned up 16 previously unreported

White House investigations and additional details on six others. Former White House secret investigator Anthony T. Ulasewicz conducted most of the inquiries.

One of the most mysterious activities of Ulasewicz was the renting of a New York City apartment in late 1971. Ulasewicz received the rent money for the one-bedroom apartment from President Nixon's former personal attorney Herbert W. Kalmbach, the sources said.

Ulasewicz has told government attorneys that the apartment was to be used as an office for a private detective agency, perhaps the agency that would conduct White House investigations under the so-called "Sand-wedge" plan proposed by former White House aide John J. Caulfield.

### SEDUCE

However, sources said the apartment was furnished with velvet wallpaper and fur rugs, hardly the decor for a private detective agency. Government attorneys have been told that the apartment was to be used to seduce female friends of the late Mary Jo Kopechne, who was killed in Senator Edward M. Kennedy's automobile accident at Chappaquiddick in July, 1969.

The scheme involved hiring a good-looking man to seduce the women in the apartment, have pictures tak-

en secretly, and then blackmail the women into revealing details about Miss Kopechne and the party that took place shortly before the Chappaquiddick accident. Ulasewicz has denied any involvement in the scheme.

Convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt Jr. has testified in a closed-door session with government attorneys that he was told of such a plan to seduce the late Miss Kopechne's friends. William O. Bittman, Hunt's attorney, confirmed yesterday that Hunt had given such testimony.

Several sources said Ulasewicz, a former New York City policeman who transported more than \$200,000 to the Watergate conspirators, has been involved in numerous investigations of the Chappaquiddick incident since July 18, 1969, when Miss Kopechne drowned in Kennedy's car.

On the weekend of the crash, Ulasewicz was sent to the accident scene to pose as a reporter, according to the sources. Ulasewicz's findings were sent back that weekend to Calufield, to former White House aide John D. Ehrlichman, to Bebe Rebozo, a close friend of President Nixon, and to Mr. Nixon himself, the sources said.

The investigations appeared to be mostly for political purposes, including digging up damaging material about Nixon administration critics.

### ORDERS

The sources said that virtually all the orders for the Ulasewicz investigations originated with the two former top presidential aides, Ehrlichman and H.R. Haldeman.

The sources said that additional investigations conducted by Ulasewicz included probes of:

- An assistant to Rose Kennedy, the mother of the late President Kennedy. The inquiry was into the death of

the assistant's wife, who apparently died of a drug overdose.

- Dick Dixon, a comedian who looks like President Nixon. Senior White House staff members were "furious" over Dixon's imitations of the President, the sources said.

- The behavior of Senator Kennedy and Senator John V. Tunney (Dem.-Calif.) at some social occasions.

- Lanny Davis, a young aide to Senator Edmund Muskie (Dem.-Maine) who in early in 1972 was regarded as the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination.

- Reports that Julie Nixon Eisenhower, the President's daughter, was being harassed in Florida, where she was teaching school.

- An apparently erroneous report that Donald Nixon Jr., the President's nephew, was involved with drugs in a hippie commune. Syndicated columnist Jack Anderson has reported that Ulasewicz persuaded Donald Nixon Jr. to leave a commune.

- The peace vigil in front of the White House. Theodore Brill, the student head of the Young Republicans at George Washington University, was paid about \$750 from the President's campaign funds to spy on the vigil last year.

- Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the militant anti-Soviet Jewish Defense League.

- Possible replacements for the presidential yacht Sequoia, a 105-foot vessel built in 1926. According to the sources, the President or various senior White House staff members did not believe the Sequoia was adequate. Ulasewicz reportedly came up with ten possible replacements but no action was taken.

- The producers of the 1971 movie "Millhouse: A White Comedy," an unflattering interpretation of Richard Milhous Nixon's political career. The sources said that the orders for this investigation came out of Haldeman's office.

- House Speaker Carl Albert's 1972 automobile accident in northwest Washington and allegations that Albert had been drunk at the time of the accident, which occurred in front of the Zebra Room, a Wisconsin avenue bar near Albert's home.

- Representative Richard H. Poff, a conservative, law-and-order legislator, who was being considered for nomination to the Supreme Court by the President in late 1971. On Oct. 2, 1971, Poff took himself out of the running to avoid what he called "a long and divisive confirmation battle." Poff retired from Congress last year and is now a judge on the Virginia Supreme Court.

- A corporation being formed by Dick and Tommy Smothers, stars of the "Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" whose show was cancelled by CBS in 1969 because of disputes over what the Smothers Brothers said was censorship and what CBS said was the use of comedy items of questionable taste, many of them political satire.