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# Segretti Calif. Friend Denies Pressure by Post Reporters

A California lawyer yesterday disputed testimony before the Senate Select Watergate committee that he was pressured into giving false accounts of the activities for campaign saboteur Donald Segretti.

The lawyer, Lawrence Young of Los Angeles, denied ever suggesting to Segretti that he was pressured by reporters who said they would print a story they knew to be untrue unless Young gave them information about Segretti.

Segretti, in testimony Wednesday, said that Young had been his friend and that after the November, 1972, election, Young wrote him to say that Post reporters were prepared to write a story that Young's law firm was a conduit for Nixon campaign funds unless Young told them something about Segretti's activities.

Young was asked whether anyone representing The Post ever suggested to him that the newspaper would print a false article. "Absolutely not," he replied.

Young also denied an assertion by Segretti that he had told reporters of campaign improprieties that Segretti had never engaged in.

He said he was never threatened, though he remembered being questioned by a reporter last fall about assertions that Segretti was using the name of a nonexistent law firm called Young and Segretti. He said he hadn't known about such statements until he was told about them by the reporter, and was furious when he found out.

The reporter was Robert Meyers, a West Coast special correspondent who interviewed Young for The Post on Oct. 12, 1972.

Segretti, under questioning by the Watergate committee's Republican counsel Fred Thompson, said Young was also the source of a story he said appeared in The Post alleging that Segretti ran a "spy school" in the Midwest during the 1972 campaign.

The Post can find no such story, and Young said yesterday that the only inquiries about a spy school he recalls came from reporters for The New York Times and the St. Louis Post-Dis-

patch. They occurred earlier this year and not last October, he said.

Young confirmed sending Segretti a card after the 1972 election. Segretti's attorney, Victor Sherman, said that a copy of the card (he called it "a letter") was given to the office of the special Watergate prosecutor.

The card was not read into the record of testimony before the committee, and attempts to get it yesterday were fruitless.

"Mr. Thompson is the only one who has it," a Democratic staff member said,

"and he's being very uncooperative and won't let us have it."

Thompson himself could not be reached yesterday, and did not return telephone calls from The Post. Other staff members said efforts would be made to obtain the card and make its contents public.

On Wednesday, Thompson refused to let a reporter see the card from Young to Segretti, saying it was "part of the file but not part of the record."

Segretti has pleaded guilty to three minor charges of campaign sabotage in Florida.