'Milk Money' Data Goes to Jaworski

Washington

The Justice Department has turned over to the office of special prosecutor Leon Jaworski documents on milk industry contributions to President Nixon's reelection campaign.

The department earlier had refused, on orders from the White House, to give the documents to former special prosecutor Archibald Cox.

A Justice Department official disclosed yesterday, however, that the White House had waived the claim of executive privilege, which it had invoked to deny the materials to Cox.

The Justice Department official declined to describe the contents or nature of the documents, saying that the White House still claims executive privilege over them in other litigation involving

the government and the dairy industry.

He would say only that the documents did not include White. House tape recordings.

However, lawyers familiar with the case said that the documents probably contain a series of internal White House memoranda relating to large campaign contributions by several milkmarketing cooperatives.

The lawyers said that the documents probably could help to establish whether there had been a connection between the milk contributions and Nixon administration favors to the dairy indutry, including the raising of the support price for milk shortly after then-Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin had determined that there was no justification for such an increase.

It has been reported officially that three big dairy cooperatives made contributions totaling \$422,400 to Mr. Nixon's campaign starting on March 22, 1971, three days before the higher milk price support was announced.

Recently it was reported that a representative of one of the cooperatives, the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., had on an earlier occasion delivered \$100,000 to Mr. Nixon's personal attorney, Herbert W. Kalmbach, in August 1969.

However, government investigators looking into the possible milk scandal are known to believe that the industry's contributions are at least somewhat higher than those already reported.

How much higher the investitators do not say.

In 1970, Patrick J. Hillings, an attorney for Associated, wrote a letter to Mr. Nixon mentioning that the milk industry would like to contribute \$2 million to his re-election campaign.

Later, a memorandum from Gordon Strachan, a former White House aide, to H. R. Haldeman, then White House chief of staff, stated that the milk industry had cut its original commitment in half and agreed to give \$1 million.

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