

## REBOZO MAKES BID TO REBUT CHARGES

Watergate Panel Asked for  
Hearing to 'Rectify Leaks'

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 —

An attorney for Charles G. Rebozo sent a telegram today to each member of the Senate Watergate committee asking that immediate public hearings be called "to rectify malicious, false and inaccurate leaks" of information about Mr. Rebozo, who is President Nixon's close friend.

The attorney, William S. Frates, said in the telegram that his request resulted from an article in The New York Times today reporting that the committee's staff believed that Mr. Rebozo may have converted Presidential campaign money to his personal use.

Another of Mr. Rebozo's attorneys, Alan Greer, said that Mr. Rebozo had "flatly denied" the allegation. Efforts to reach Mr. Rebozo through Mr. Greer were unsuccessful.

### Hearings Postponed

Samuel Dash, chief counsel for the committee, said today that Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., Democrat of North Carolina, the chairman, had been forced to postpone the hearings temporarily because of the danger that testimony would prejudice the selection of a jury in the trial of John N. Mitchell, former Attorney General, and Maurice H. Stands, from Secretary of Commerce.

MR. Dash said that Senator Ervin planned to reconvene public sessions as soon as a jury in that trial was selected and sequestered.

The Frates telegram also called for the Senators to "conduct a full investigation of the leaks and suspend those persons responsible."

The article in The Times reported that committee investigators based their belief that Mr. Rebozo had converted campaign funds to his personal use on a careful search of financial records already in the committee's possession.

It noted that Mr. Rebozo had refused to comply with a committee subpoena for documents that, the investigators believed, would provide proof of the conversion.

Mr. Greer refused to say in a telephone conversation today why Mr. Rebozo had failed to answer the subpoena.