

New Discrepancies In Campaign Funds



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SECRET DOCUMENTS from the 1972 Nixon presidential campaign, including a mysterious list of donors code-named "Alpha Four," show new discrepancies and unreported contributions of at least \$1 million.

There are indications the total may eventually reach millions more. This is all in addition to the \$60.2 million in contributions finally admitted by Nixon fundraisers last September under heavy pressure from "Common Cause."

Buried in that whopping kitty was a \$10,000 gift collected from a pair of Miami businessmen by the President's crony, banker "Bebe" Rebozo. The partners in Atlantic Investors of Miami, Jay I. Kislak and Alec Courtelis, gave the money to Rebozo hoping he would tell the President about it.

As far as he can determine, Rebozo turned the money over to the campaign without belaboring President Nixon about it.

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IN PREVIOUS CASES, as we have reported, Rebozo collected \$100,000 from Howard Hughes and \$10,000 from the Davis brothers, who founded the Winn-Dixie supermarket chain.

The new \$1 million discrepancy was turned up by investigators for "Common Cause." The citizens' lobby got some of its information, we have discovered, by

threatening to serve a subpoena on Rose Mary Woods, the President's secretary.

Under this pressure, the White House turned over her list of secret contributors to "Common Cause." The citizens' group also has winnowed data from sealed depositions of Rebozo, Nixon lawyer Herb Kalmbach and others.

Finally, they have obtained an alphabetized four-column list titled "Alpha Four," containing contributors' names and financial work papers of the Nixon reelection committee.

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BESIDES this curiosity unaccounted for \$1 million, the "Common Cause" sleuths believe many millions more in donations remain unreported, but they lack documents to back it up.

There is evidence, for instance, that huge sums were pledged to the Nixon campaign and secretly paid into state committees to avoid federal accounting. One committee was set up under the Republican National Committee's umbrella, but money was funneled out of it for White House uses, the sleuths found.

Footnote: "Common Cause" lawyers Mitch Rogovin and Ken Guido, who pried loose most of the new data, refused comment except to say new court action is planned soon. Lawyers for the Nixon fundraisers did not return our calls.

Today's column was written under the direction of Les Whitten of Jack Anderson's staff.