

MILK AIDE TELLS
OF \$300,000 OFFER

He Says Co-op Wanted Suit
Blocked by Kalmbach

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(UPI)— The former secretary
of Associated Milk Producers
Inc. has testified that the
organization offered \$300,000
to President Nixon's personal
lawyer in an effort to halt
an anti-trust suit.

The witness, Dwight Morris

of Siloam Springs, Ark., testified, however, that Mr. Nixon's lawyer, Herbert W. Kalmbach, turned down the money when controversy erupted over the Justice Department's antitrust settlement with the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

Mr. Morris made the disclosures in a letter introduced in United States District Court here, where the Milk Producers antitrust suit has been filed. He confirmed in a telephone conversation with United Press International that he gave the same account in Washington yesterday to the Federal Watergate grand jury and the Senate Watergate committee staff.

Statement of Facts

Associated Milk Producers, the nation's largest milk cooperative with 40,000 members, is being sued by the Justice Department and 20 organizations for monopolistic practices. A statement of facts agreed to by the association and the 20 organizations was submitted to the court today.

In the letter, Mr. Morris said that the association's president, John E. Butterbrodt of Burnett, Wis., had told him that he and the association's general manager, George Mahren, had attempted to settle the antitrust suit that was filed in February, 1972.

"No one in Washington would talk to them about this—not the Justice Department, F.T.C. or the White House," Mr. Morris said in the letter.

He told U.P.I. that Mr. Butterbrodt had told him that the association officials had been advised—by whom Mr. Butterbrodt did not say—"to talk to Kalmbach on the West Coast."

Mr. Mahren and Mr. Butterbrodt then traveled to the West Coast and met with Mr. Kalmbach, according to a questionnaire that Mr. Morris filled out for the Senate committee. The questionnaire was filed in court with the letter.