

Jacobsen Denies Committing Perjury in Watergate Testimony

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WASHINGTON, March 15—Jake Jacobsen, a former aide to President Johnson, pleaded not guilty today to perjury charges arising from his statements to a Watergate grand jury about milk producers' political funds.

Mr. Jacobsen, 54 years old, of Austin, Tex., appeared briefly today before Judge George L. Hart Jr. in United States District Court. The gray-haired lawyer was indicted Feb. 21 on charges growing out of his dealings with officials of the Nixon Administration.

He was released in the custody of his lawyer, Charles A. McNelis. He declined to comment on the charges against him, which grew out of the Watergate special prosecutor's investigation of political donations by milk producers' organizations.

In a related Watergate matter, Chief Judge John J. Sirica's office said that the judge would rule Monday on disposition of a sealed grand jury report thought to bear on President Nixon's possible role in the Watergate cover-up.

On March 1, when a grand



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Jake Jacobsen after he pleaded not guilty to perjury charges.

an accompanying report. Judge Sirica has been weighing whether to turn the report and the papers over to the House Judiciary Committee, which is studying possible impeachment.

Mr. Jacobsen's case is a separate one and involves \$10,000 that he "solicited and received" from the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., according to his indictment.

The money was "to be paid to a public official," who was unnamed in the indictment "for his assistance in connection with the price support decision."

On March 25, 1971, the Department of Agriculture raised price supports on milk. This action followed pledges from milk producers of at least \$2-million to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

The price support move was followed by heavy donations from milk producers, but according to reports made public the donations fell far short of \$2-million.

A spokesman for former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally Jr. said that Mr. Ja-

briefcase filled with papers and jury returned indictments against seven men charged in the cover-up, it also delivered a

use "However he wanted to politically."

The spokesman said that Mr. Connally said that he wanted nothing to do with the funds.

Mr. Jacobsen's indictment said that he had made a false declaration under oath to a Watergate grand jury when he testified that he had received \$10,000 from the milk producers, placed it in a safe deposit box and left it untouched until Nov. 27, 1973.

Mr. Jacobsen and Mr. McNelis were asked about the connection to Mr. Connally as they left the Federal Court-house today. They declined to comment.

On Feb. 6, Mr. Jacobsen was indicted by a Federal grand jury in Texas on six counts of misapplication of funds of the First Savings and Loan Association of San Angelo, Tex. Also charged in the case was Ray Cowan, a former Austin, Tex., businessman now living in Nicaragua.

Mr. Jacobsen was also charged with perjury in the

Texas indictment for statements that he made before a grand jury at Wichita Falls, Tex.

Judge Hart said today that he would delay the trial here until the completion of the court action in Texas.

An Apology to Barker

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—The Central Intelligence Agency said today that it had apologized on behalf of its former director, Richard Helms, for his testimony stating that Watergate figure, Bernard L. Barker had been dismissed because of involvement in gambling and other criminal associations.

C.I.A. officials said that Mr. Barker, convicted for the 1972 break-in of the Democratic National Committee headquarters, had left the agency in 1966 in good standing.

Mr. Helms, who is now the American Ambassador to Iran, made his statement about Mr. Barker in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Feb. 7.