

Nixon Yields More Data To Jaworski

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The White House yesterday surrendered documents that Watergate prosecutors had subpoenaed for a federal grand jury investigation involving questionable campaign contributions.

The concession headed off a court fight for the papers, which Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski had formally demanded March 10, apparently after unsuccessful negotiations.

Neither the White House nor Jaworski's office have publicly identified what the subpoena required. It is believed to have called for information dealing with the awarding of ambassadorships to major Nixon campaign contributors.

The promise of one ambassadorial post in return for a \$100,000 contribution has already resulted in Herbert W. Kalmbach, President Nixon's personal lawyer, pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge.

Watergate prosecutors pursuing similar reports in connection with other ambassadorial posts were reportedly turned down by the White House weeks ago when they asked for documents bearing on the inquiry.

The subpoena that was subsequently issued March 10 is known in any event to bear on campaign contributions. It originally carried a March 25 deadline, but Jaworski extended it until yesterday at the request of White House special counsel James D. St. Clair.

White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler told newsmen around noon yesterday, as they were about to leave with the President for ceremonies at Ft. McNair, that the subpoenaed documents would be turned over.

St. Clair told Jaworski in a phone call placed around the same time that the subpoena would be honored.

A White House messenger finally turned up at Jaworski's office at 5:15 p.m. with a brown paper package.

Ziegler said he was told by St. Clair that "all the materials requested by subpoena" would be produced.

A spokesman for Jaworski's office, John Barker, said only that "we're going to examine what we've received. This will take some time." However, he added that St. Clair gave no indication that any of the documents involved were missing.

Barker refused to say what was sought beyond stating that "it's a limited subpoena for a limited area" of investigation. He said it did not call for any tapes of Mr. Nixon's conversations.

Jaworski has said "there could well be" still other subpoenas served on the White House in the weeks ahead. Another investigation where prosecutors have been unsuccessful in obtaining White House tapes and documents they consider essential is the inquiry into Mr. Nixon's controversial 1971 increase in milk price supports.

If the White House had refused to comply with the March 10 subpoena, Jaworski had said he would seek grand jury authorization for a show-cause order publicly listing

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the disputed materials and setting out the need for them. Yesterday's compliance precluded any such disclosure.

In a case that is still said to be under investigation, Kalmbach pleaded guilty Feb. 25 to promising a European ambassadorship for \$100,000 in campaign contributions from Maryland Republican J. Fife Symington Jr.

He gave the guarantee to Symington at a Sept. 16, 1970, meeting in Los Angeles after calling a member of the White House staff, who has yet to be

publicly identified, and receiving assurances that the promise would be honored.

Symington, who was ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago at the time, was never nominated for the new post. According to Watergate prosecutors, Kalmbach eventually offered him his money back, but Symington refused to take it.

Kalmbach, who is awaiting sentence, is now cooperating with the prosecutors in return for immunity from other charges that might be lodged against him. He faces a maximum penalty of a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine for the promised deal with Symington. He has also pleaded guilty to secretly raising millions of dollars in an illicit 1970 fund-raising operation organized by the White House

and faces a maximum sentence of two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for that offense.



JAMES D. ST. CLAIR
... Nixon counsel yield:



LEON JAWORSKI

to prosecutor's request