

# Senate Test of 'Executive

Washington

Investigators for the Senate Watergate committee, inviting a clash over President Nixon's newly revived claim of "executive privilege," have again summoned White House counsel J. Fred Buzhardt to testify in secret about a controversial \$100,000 campaign contribution, informed sources said yesterday.

The sources said that Buzhardt will appear this week.

Last month, Buzhardt testified before the Senate panel for more than three hours about the cash contribution from Howard Hughes, the billionaire recluse, without invoking either executive privilege or attorney-client privilege, the sources said.

The money, in \$100 bills, was given to Charles G.

(Bebe) Rebozo, one of the President's closest friends, in 1969 and 1970.

Leonard Garment, another high-level White House aide, is also scheduled to testify, the sources added.

Alexander M. Haig Jr., the White House chief of frontation during testimony last Thursday by invoking executive privilege and refusing to answer Senate

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questions about the \$100,000. Haig gave the committee a presidential letter ordering him not to testify.

It was the first use of executive privilege by a high-level White House aide since last May 22, when the President — in a televised speech about Watergate — promised that "executive privilege will not be invoked as to any testimony concerning

possible criminal conduct in the matters presently under investigation, including the Watergate affair and the alleged coverup."

The Senate committee's decision to recall Buzhardt for more testimony places the White House "in a real bind" because of the executive privilege decree, one source said.

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