

Stans Files Delivered

Members of the Watergate special prosecution force yesterday received from U.S. District Judge George L. Hart Jr. 17 folders of files kept by Maurice Stans while he was Secretary of Commerce and a chief fund-raiser for President Nixon's re-election campaign.

Hart turned the documents over to the prosecutors for their use in a grand jury investigation of allegations of federal job-buying by campaign contributors to the Nixon re-election effort after Stan's attorney's notified the judge they would not appeal Hart's earlier ruling that the documents must be turned over to the investigating panel.

At the time of that ruling, Hart said the documents "show conclusively that Mr. Stans had frequent contacts with (political) contributors during his tenure" in the Commerce post.

Hart had issued that ruling after inspecting the documents privately to weigh Stan's contention that the files were his personal papers and therefore should not be turned over to the grand jury.

Hart still has pending a presidential claim of executive privilege on correspondence between Stans and President Nixon about possible job appointments. Yesterday's release of Stan's personal files does not affect the documents covered by that claim.