

Ervin panel says Nixon men traded U.S. jobs for '72 aid

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WASHINGTON—The Senate Watergate Committee says the patronage resources of the government were exploited as part of a deliberate plan to make the federal bureaucracy work for President Nixon's reelection.

The alleged plan was drawn up primarily by Fred V. Malek, now deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget. In a memo reprinted by the committee in its final report, Malek said he even suggested the name: "I proposed we stop calling it 'politicizing the executive branch' and instead calling it something like 'strengthening the government's responsiveness.'"

The responsiveness program, according to the committee, included "plans to redirect federal monies to administration supporters and to target groups and geographic areas to benefit



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the campaign. It entailed instructions to shape legal and regulatory action to enhance campaign goals. It comprised plans to utilize government employment procedures for election benefit."

Political officials in the White House and the Committee for the Re-Election of the President had some con-

trol over such areas as federal grants. For example, a group called the "Brown Mafia" — the name was later dropped at Malek's urging — influenced the grants to Spanish-speaking groups, according to testimony printed in the report.

It said grants were given to friendly groups and taken from groups "not on our team," in the words of a White House memo.

The black community received similar treatment. One Malek briefing document quoted in the report said "Paul Jones wants favorable action on an HEW (Health, Education and Welfare) grant for James Farmer that would enable Farmer to have time to speak in support of reelection."

One of the founders of the Congress of Racial Equality, Farmer, according to the report, received a \$150,000 grant from HEW. Jones was a campaign official.