

Attorney Admits Bribe To Connally

Washington

Jake Jacobsen, former lawyer for the nation's largest milk cooperative, pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge that he gave former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally Jr. a \$10,000 bribe. He thus agreed to testify against Connally.

Jacobsen, 54, of Austin, Tex., who served as White House legislative counsel in the Johnson administration, appeared before chief U.S. District Judge George L. Hart Jr. in a ten-minute arraignment and entered his plea to one count of making a bribe.

Hart released him into the custody of his lawyer and sent him to the probation office, which will make a report before sentencing.

The felony carries a maximum penalty of a \$10,000 fine and two years in prison. Jacobsen refused any comment as he left the courthouse.

Connally and Jacobsen were indicted by a Watergate grand jury July 29 in connection with an alleged payment of \$10,000 to Connally for his aid in obtaining the 1971 increase in the federal price support for raw milk. Connally had just joined President Nixon's cabinet at the time and Jacobsen was representing the



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JAKE JACOBSEN
Guilty plea

Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

Connally will be arraigned tomorrow.

The charge which Hart read said that Jacobsen gave Connally "an illegal gratuity" of \$5000 on May 14, 1971, and another the next September 24.

In exchange for the guilty plea, deputy Watergate prosecutor Henry S. Ruth Jr., dropped other charges against Jacobsen. Those included an indictment filed in U.S. District Court in San Angelo, Tex., last February charging him and an associate, Ray Cowan, with misuse of an \$825,000 loan from the First Savings and Loan Association of San Angelo.

In the letter to Jacobsen's lawyer dated May 21, Ruth stipulated five understandings:

That Jacobsen would plead in court here; that he would waive indictment if necessary; that he would make "full and truthful disclosure" of all relevant information and documents in his possession; that he may be required to testify by the prosecution; that the prosecution would inform presentence investigators of the extent of his cooperation but make no recommendations on the sentence.

The letter also said that Jacobsen could be prosecuted for any future false testimony.

Ruth was acting for special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski, also a Texas lawyer, who excused himself from the case because of his long acquaintance with Jacobsen.

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