

# The Nixon Family Jewels



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**W**ATERGATE special prosecutor Leon Jaworski is quietly looking into the activities of Pat Nixon's cousin Edward Sullivan and his connection with the Nixon family's jewelry.

Sullivan, who was named to a cushy job on UNESCO's executive board by his famous in-law, former President Nixon, took custody of record books on the jewelry amid various probes into the Nixon family fortune.

The books had been meticulously maintained, complete with pictures and appraisals of the gems at Washington's Shaw and Dussinger jewelers. On February 15, the day we revealed the existence of the books, Sullivan, an insurance man, hurriedly flew down from New York and hauled them off for safekeeping. On August 5, after we told of Sullivan's trip, the special prosecutor's office began digging deeply into the case.

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**T**HE PROSECUTORS are concerned over what Sullivan may know about the Nixon family finances and how this affects Mr. Nixon's taxes.

The large quantities of jewelry belonging to Mrs. Nixon, her daughters and Nixon's secretary Rose Mary Woods have raised questions on where the money came to buy it.

For instance, there is testimony that some of the mysterious \$100,000 Howard Hughes gift to the Nixon campaign went to Rose Mary Woods. There are also allegations in the Senate Watergate committee report that in 1972 presidential friend

Charles (Bebe) Rebozo used campaign funds to pay for a \$5660 pair of earrings for Pat Nixon's birthday.

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**S**OURCES CLOSE to the Nixons have now come up with an explanation: Mr. Nixon had done many generous and thoughtful favors for his friend Rebozo. Mr. Nixon had picked up the tab, for example, for trips that the two men made together.

Rebozo, wishing to repay the thoughtfulness, mentioned to a salesman for Harry Winston Jewelers, who was a longtime friend of the former First Family, that he would like to buy some nice jewelry for the Nixon women.

The opportunity came when the jewelers told Mr. Nixon's secretary, Rose Mary Woods, about some jewelry that had been selected for the former First Lady. Our sources say Miss Woods alerted Rebozo who quietly sent a check for the earrings.

The President, meanwhile, had ordered jewelry as a birthday gift for his wife. He assumed, therefore, that the earrings were his own gift.

Rebozo paid for the earrings from a fund that had also been used to pay political bills. But Rebozo had shelled out about \$6000 from his own pocket, according to our sources, for miscellaneous political expenses during the 1968 campaign.

Our sources say that \$6000 of the campaign money, therefore, legitimately belonged to Rebozo. He was guilty, he felt, only of sloppy bookkeeping.

*Today's column is by Jack Anderson and Les Whitten.*