

**STANS NEGOTIATING  
WITH PROSECUTORS**

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Negotiations are being held between former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans and the Watergate Special Prosecution Force, a source with knowledge of those negotiations confirmed today.

Mr. Stans, chief fund raiser for President Nixon, told the Senate Watergate committee last year that his efforts had produced "the largest amount of money ever spent in a political campaign."

A large number of illegal corporate contributions to the campaign have resulted in prosecutions.

The exact nature of Mr. Stans' discussions were not known. The Chicago Sun-Times reported today that the talks involved plea-bargaining, but the special prosecutor's office refused to comment and Mr. Stans' lawyer, Robert W. Barker, was unavailable for comment.

Mr. Stans was acquitted earlier this year of a charge of obstructing a federal investigation in connection with the receipt of a \$200,000 cash contribution from the fugitive financier, Robert L. Vesco.