

Syracuse Man Says Ex-Wife Is Worldwide Drug Trafficker

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A Syracuse businessman testified yesterday that his former wife, an international model, was a worldwide narcotics trafficker with ties to a French financier who gave \$2-million to Richard M. Nixon's 1968 Presidential campaign.

The woman, Patricia Riccahardson Martinson, who is expected to testify on Wednesday, has categorically denied the charges, and has accused her former husband of "trying to ruin my life."

A former drug-enforcement official, Stephen H. McClintic, in turn described the accuser, William Spector, as "unstable," threatening and in quest of Federal funds. Mr. McClintic said Mr. Spector's campaign-contribution allegation was made one year after the original charges, in an attempt to interest the special Watergate prosecutor.

The testimony was given on the opening day of three days of public hearings being conducted jointly by the State Senate Crime Committee and Senator James L. Buckley, New York Republican-Conservative whose office has conducted a major investigation of the charges.

Mr. McClintic did say, however, that the numerous agencies to which Mr. Spector brought the charges had failed to conduct adequate investigations.

"I think they should have looked more deeply into it," Mr. McClintic said. "It should have been tidied up."

Mr. Spector, the lead-off witness at the hearings, testified

that his former wife had been "involved with," "associated with" and "suspected of" narcotics traffic. He discussed her notebooks, which contained the names of major narcotics traffickers, her alleged possession of heroin and her widespread travel.

"Is it your allegation that your former wife was a trafficker in narcotics?" asked State Senator Abraham Bernstein, a Bronx Democrat.

"Yes, sir," Mr. Spector replied.

"Based on what?" Mr. Bernstein asked.

State Senator Ralph J. Marino, Republican of Syosset, L. I., and chairman of the committee, stepped in to say that the question might not be fair to the witness, and asked, "Can the witness answer that?"

"It would take several hours," Mr. Spector replied.

He summed up, however, by citing "direct references [to narcotics traffickers] in her diaries, direct information from Saint Martin [where she was born and to which she frequently traveled], having talked to certain witnesses."

"I for one would like to have a little more basis for the reasons for Mr. Spector's conclusions," Mr. Bernstein replied.

At another point, Mr. Spector said his former wife had longstanding ties to Paul Louis Weiller, a French financier.

"I was told by her and by Weiller personally that Weiller was on his way to Washington to visit his personal friend Richard Nixon, to whose cam-



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William Spector testifying here yesterday.

aign he had contributed heavily," Mr. Spector said.

"How heavily?" Senator Marino asked.

"A \$2-million cash contribution," Mr. Spector replied.

Mr. Nixon failed to respond to five attempts by The Times last spring to learn of his relationship with Mr. Weiller, who also declined numerous efforts to obtain an interview.

The hearings resume today at 9 A.M. at the New York State Chamber of Commerce, 65 Liberty Street.

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