

GOP Cash Rumored in Swiss Bank

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Of the hundreds of thousands in unaudited cash stashed in GOP safes across the country, there are whispers some money wound up in a secret Swiss bank account.

We have established that Alan MacQuoid, a minor Republican functionary in Los Angeles County, paid a mysterious call at the Swiss Credit Bank of Zurich on Feb. 12. In two long-distance interviews, he admitted visiting the Swiss bank but refused to discuss the details except to say his business with the bank was "strictly personal."

He told us he was close to President Nixon's personal lawyer, Herbert Kalmbach, who kept around \$500,000 in Nixon campaign funds in a California bank account. At least some of this money, according to investigators, was used to pay for political spying and sabotage.

MacQuoid also acknowledged he had been in contact with other persons involved in the Watergate case but vigorously denied any involvement himself.

We asked MacQuoid specifically whether he served as a conduit for money used in the Watergate escapade or other espionage activities. He paused about 10 seconds and answered "No comment." He told my associate Jack Clotherty, however, that he had not had any

previous dealings with the Swiss bank.

Our sources say MacQuoid flew to Switzerland ostensibly on a ski trip. He left Los Angeles on Scandinavian Airlines charter flight C-1219 with a group called "The Far West Ski Association" on Feb. 10. Two days later, he slipped into the Swiss Credit Bank. He returned to Los Angeles on flight C-1225 on Feb. 25.

Through an attorney, Kalmbach denied knowing MacQuoid.

Hush Money

Sources close to the Watergate investigation, meanwhile, tell us at least \$500,000 was spent in an attempt to hush up the scandal. Wiretapper James McCord alone deposited \$60,000 in a Riggs National Bank account immediately after the Watergate trial. Investigators say he collected, all told, around \$100,000.

As early as Aug. 7, Watergate ringleader G. Gordon Liddy's wife rented a safety deposit box at the Marine Midland Bank in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She also left a padlocked trunk in the bank's "silver storage room." Branch manager George Harnen told us Mrs. Liddy "expressed concern as to who would have access to the safe deposit box." She asked specifically whether "the authorities" could get into the box or trunk. The FBI, however, hasn't yet contacted the bank about the

Liddy deposits, Harnen told us.

Our story has also been confirmed that Mrs. E. Howard Hunt, the late wife of the other Watergate ringleader, handed out cash to the burglary-bugging squad. She was killed in a Chicago airliner crash, with \$10,000 in \$100 bills in her purse. Hunt has told friends they intended to invest the money in a motel rather than keep it in a bank, where it could be easily traced.

Probably never in the history of American politics has so much loose cash been floating around.

Washington Whirl

Sky Posts—The White House has ordered three new Boeing 747s for the President to use as airborne command posts in case of war. The Air Force confirmed reports that hangars are now being planned at Andrews Air Force Base outside of Washington for the planes.

Bangladesh's Bookkeeping—The bedeviled bureaucrats of Bangladesh are so fouled up in paperwork that more than \$100 million in American aid has yet to be turned over to the ravaged and impoverished land. The U.S. has given Bangladesh \$40 million for tallow, cotton, pesticides, fertilizer and the like. This has been received and spent. Another \$105 million is available

to pay for schools, generators, coastal repair and other construction. But under law the U.S. cannot turn it over until Bangladesh vouches for the spending. So far, this has proved too complicated for the new nation's harassed clerks.

Eagle Scandal—Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.) has written an infuriated letter to Interior Secretary Rogers Morton complaining that two accused killers of bald eagles are getting federal grazing privileges on public land. Dingell said the privileges have been accorded Dean Visintainer of Craig, Colo., and Herman Werner of Casper, Wyo., who were named in the shotgun slayings of up to 635 bald and golden eagles. Dingell says he may hold public hearings if Morton can't explain satisfactorily how the eagle slayers got federal grazing permits.

Gauzza's Travels—George Gauzza, an enterprising Interior Department official, has apparently been smitten with wanderlust. Last year, we caught Gauzza taking an "official" trip to Guam and Saipan. He was going to San Francisco anyway, it was explained, so he "decided that while on the coast, he might as well go on" to the Far East—a 6,194-mile afterthought. This winter, Gauzza spent ten days in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands—on "official business," of course.

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