

G. O. P. VOTE AIDE VISITED BY F. B. I.

But He Denies That Is Why
He Quit as Treasurer

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 2—
Hugh W. Sloan Jr., the former treasurer of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, said today that he had been visited by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation before he resigned but that the two events were unrelated.

He also said in a telephone interview that he had since appeared before the grand jury that is inquiring into the break-in at the Democratic national headquarters June 17.

The Committee for the Re-election of the President, the major Republican campaign organization, has become the focus of an investigation by the Office of Federal Elections, a new watchdog agency within the General Accounting Office. The elections office is seeking to determine whether the committee has violated the Federal Election Campaign Act, which regulates campaign finances.

At the same time, the F.B.I. has been systematically inquiring into the operations of the re-election committee and looking into some of its financial records.

To see if there was a link between committee officials and money and the break-in at Democratic headquarters.

Phillip S. Hughes, director of the Office of Federal Elections, said in an interview that two of his investigators talked today with Paul E. Barrick, Mr. Sloan's successor at the committee.

Mr. Hughes also said that he had talked with the United

States Attorney's office here and had been assured that he would get all possible cooperation once the grand jury acted. Before that, he said, cooperation by that office and the F.B.I. would be limited because of laws regarding the secrecy of grand jury proceedings.

Attention has come to rest on the Committee for the Re-election of the President because a cashier's check for \$25,000, endorsed by Kenneth H. Dahlberg, Midwest finance chairman for the Republicans, had been deposited in the Miami bank account of Bernard L. Baker, the alleged ring-leader of the break-in at Democratic headquarters.

Mr. Dahlberg said in an interview yesterday that he had handed the check to Maurice H. Stans, the chief Republican fund raiser, at a political meeting in Washington in April. Mr. Stans was unavailable to the press yesterday; today, his secretary said, "Mr. Stans has made a determination that he will not have any interviews for the present."

At the White House, Gerald L. Warren, a deputy press secretary, said that President Nixon had instructed members of the White House staff and the staff of the Committee for his re-election to cooperate with investigations of the break-in.

"The President's view," Mr. Warren said, "is that all those who are asked to cooperate should cooperate."

Mr. Sloan said that his resignation from the committee came on July 14. That was approximately two weeks after dismissal of C. Gordon Liddy, the committee's chief counsel, and the resignation of John N. Mitchell, the head of the committee and former Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. Liddy was dismissed, the committee said, for refusing to answer questions put to him by the F.B.I. Mr. Mitchell said that he was resigning for personal reasons.