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Hugh W. Sloan Jr., who testified in court that he resigned as treasurer of President Nixon's re-election committee last July because of the Watergate bugging case, is back working for the committee as a \$100 to \$150-a-day consultant.

Sloan has held his new job since before the Watergate trial in January—but although he was a key witness at the trial, it was not revealed that he had gone back to work for the committee.

At the trial, Sloan testified that he was doing consulting work in answer to a question by the chief prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Earl J. Silbert. Silbert did not ask where.

Sloan said yesterday, "I've been working pretty much full-time since Jan. 4 or 5, and expect to work two, three or four weeks more."

He said he was asked by the head of the Nixon finance committee, former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans, "to come and help him close things up."

Asked why his new job was not revealed at the trial, Sloan said, "Silbert was aware of it. I told him. He seemed happy that I had a job but just didn't ask me about it on the stand."

Silbert was on vacation and could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Sloan resigned from the Nixon committee July 15 for what spokesmen said at the time were "personal reasons." Under the questioning of Chief U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica at the Watergate trial, Sloan acknowledged that he resigned because of the Watergate bugging.

Associates close to Sloan have said that Sloan resigned to "do the right thing" because he learned that some of the cash he was disbursing to committee employees was being used in an elaborate intelligence-gathering operation against the Democrats.

The noted that Sloan had failed to find work for six months and took the committee job because he needed work and because he had faith in Stans. They said Sloan feels that Stans was not involved in the bugging or the related intelligence-gathering operation.

During the trial, Sloan testified that he was paid about \$100 a day for his consulting work.