

3 AIDES OF MILLS QUERIED BY JURY

Watergate Panel Questions
 Them on Milk Funds

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP) — A Watergate grand jury has questioned three current and former aides of Representative Wilbur D. Mills about milk-fund money used in the Arkansas Democrat's brief 1972 Presidential campaign.

In recent weeks the Watergate prosecutors have summoned Mr. Mills's administrative assistant, Oscar Eugene Goss, and two former campaign officials, Charles Ward of Conway, Ark., and Betty Clement Bullock of Little Rock.

Mr. Goss said he had appeared voluntarily, without a subpoena, and had been questioned about links between the Mills campaign and Associated Milk Producers, Inc., the big dairy cooperative that recently pleaded guilty to donating \$5,000 illegally to Mr. Mills.

Mr. Goss said the questions concerned the \$5,000 cash gift, which allegedly passed through his hands, and the use of corporate money by the co-op to pay salaries and expenses of Mr. Mills's campaign workers. Use of corporate money in Federal election campaigns is prohibited by law.

The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, reached by telephone at his suburban Virginia home, said he had not been called to testify by prosecutors. Earlier this year, he declined two requests by the now-disbanded Senate

Watergate committee to appear for questioning. Mr. Mills, asked for comment on the summoning of Mr. Goss and the other witnesses, said: "I don't know anything about it. I just know they've been up there, that's all."

Mrs. Bullock, who received a subpoena, Q confirmed in a telephone interview that she had been questioned for about two hours last Tuesday. But she added: "I'd just rather not comment on it." 2-4/SEP

According to Watergate committee testimony, Mrs. Bullock worked as a secretary for the Mills campaign for several months while receiving salary and expenses from the corporate funds of the milk producers' co-op.

Mr. Ward, who headed the early "draft-Mills" efforts in 1971 and early 1972, was not immediately available for comment.

Concerning the \$5,000 cash gift, Mr. Goss said he had testified that he had "no independent recollection" of having handled the money.

He said he had testified that if he had received such a gift, he might well have failed to ask whether it had come from corporate funds, because he knew that the milk producers had a legal political trust for making donations to candidates.

Mr. Goss said he had been questioned about Mrs. Bullock and two other campaign workers, Joe P. Johnson and Terry Shea, who allegedly were paid corporate salaries by the dairy men while working on the Mills campaign.

Mr. Johnson, who worked as Mr. Mills's traveling campaign aide and who succeeded Mr. Ward as campaign manager, declined to testify about the matter to the Watergate committee earlier this year on grounds of possible self-incrimination.