

Mills Didn't Testify on Milk Money

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Rep. Wilbur D. Mills, (D-Ark.) said he has not been called to testify before a Watergate grand jury that has questioned three of his current and former aides about milk-fund money used in his brief 1972 presidential campaign.

Mills said Monday he was aware that the aides appeared in recent weeks before the grand jury, but added, "I don't know anything about it. I just know they've been up there, that's all."

Earlier this year, Mills declined two requests by the now-disbanded Senate Watergate committee to appear for questioning.

The Watergate prosecutors have taken testimony from Mills' administrative assistant, Oscar Eugene Goss, and two former campaign workers, Charles Ward of Conway, Ark., and Betty Clement Bullock of Little Rock.

Goss said he was 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 Mills. Goss said he testified that he had "no independent recollection" of having handled the \$5,000.

Mrs. Bullock confirmed that she was questioned by the grand jury for about two hours, but declined to discuss it. She served as a secretary in the Mills campaign for several months while allegedly receiving salary and expenses from the corporate funds of the milk producers' co-op.

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

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