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To Book Scoring Goldberg**

**Publishers Say John Wells, a Close
Associate of Ex-Governor, Set Up
Arrangements for 1970 Volume**

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 11—The publishers of a derogatory biography of Arthur J. Goldberg said today that publication had been arranged by one of Nelson A. Rockefeller's close political associates, who offered to purchase 100,000 copies for distribution, mostly without charge, in the 1970 campaign for Governor of New York.

The publication was arranged by John A. Wells, a longtime political associate of Mr. Rockefeller, the publishers said. Mr. Wells had been his Presidential campaign manager and director of his political brain trust.

According to officers of Arlington House, which published the book, Mr. Wells recruited the writer, Victor Lasky, and arranged for publication and distribution.

They disputed Vice President-designate Rockefeller's statement that his brother, Laurance Rockefeller, had invested \$60,000 in the book purely as a business venture. Nelson Rockefeller said yesterday that he had played no role in the publication.

"I'm not a child and I knew perfectly well that it was going to be used for the campaign," said Neil McCaffrey, president of Arlington House, a conservative publishing house.

William F. Buckley Jr., chair-

man of Starr Broadcasting group, which owns Arlington House, said that it would be "naive" to believe that the investment by Laurence Rockefeller constituted "a business-like approach" to publishing.

Mr. Goldberg, a Democrat who opposed the incumbent Mr. Rockefeller in the 1970 campaign for Governor, said today that he had asked the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Rules committee to hold formal hearings into circumstances surrounding the publication of the book, "Arthur J. Goldberg, the Old

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and the New, Mr. Lasky, by the conservative free lance writer and columnist.

The House committee has begun a broad investigation into Nelson Rockefeller's possible involvement with the book's publication. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has indicated in a report to the committee that Mr. Rockefeller, through intermediaries, may have been involved in underwriting the work.

"Nelson Rockefeller's story is a phony story," said Mr. Goldberg, a former Supreme Court Justice, Secretary of Labor and representative to the United Nations. It cannot stand up under oath."

Nelson Rockefeller said in a statement yesterday that he had been totally unaware of the fact that his brother Laurance had invested \$60,000 in the property.

Would Have Been Opposed

"I am told that he made an investment of around \$60,000 in a company that had been set up to produce the book," his statement said. "Laurance found himself stuck with a net loss of around \$52,000. While this was a business loss, he did not take a tax deduction."

"Had he only told me about it at the time," the former governor's statement said, "I would have been totally opposed to it and would have strongly advised against his participation in any form."

Mr. Lasky said today that the idea for the book had come from Mr. Wells, who was Mr. Rockefeller's Presidential campaign manager in 1964, managed Senator Jacob K. Javits's campaigns in 1962 and 1968, and was picked by Mr. Rockefeller last year to screen judicial candidates. He has been a law partner of the late Kenneth Royall, former Secretary of the Army, and William P. Rogers, former Secretary of State and Attorney General.

Mr. Lasky said that Mr. Wells, an old friend and his attorney, approached him about writing a biography of Mr. Goldberg in the summer of 1970, after Mr. Goldberg was nominated for Governor.

"He thought up the idea," Mr. Lasky said. "I said, 'He's a very dull guy, but you can write a book about anything, even artichokes.'"

Mr. Wells could not be reached for comment. His secretary said that he had taken a weekend holiday. A woman who answered the telephone at his Westchester home, after learning the identity of the caller, held a muffled conversation with someone and then said that Mr. Wells was not home.

Mr. McCaffrey recalled that Mr. Wells had approached Ar-

lington House and said that he represented a company that would be interested in buying 100,000 copies of a Goldberg biography by Mr. Lasky. Mr. McCaffrey had been a friend of Mr. Lasky and had edited some of his earlier books.

The Goldberg book was written in one month. "The so-called biographer never even talked to me," Mr. Goldberg said today.

The financing was arranged through Literary Properties, Inc., a Delaware corporation that received funds from both New York and Philadelphia. The company had apparently been set up solely to produce the book.

"They laundered the funds through Philadelphia," Mr. Goldberg observed. "This is a Watergate situation. It is both a dirty trick and a cover-up. In law, it was a campaign contribution. The proof is that they took no deduction."

Mr. Goldberg remarked that Laurance Rockefeller was noted as a conservationist and an art collector and that an investment in a Victor Lasky book was totally out of character.

"It is simply unbelievable," he said.

The Lasky book accused Mr. Goldberg, among other things, of having "a 'What Makes Sammy Run' drive." "What Makes Sammy Run" was a best-selling novel by Budd Schulberg about an unscrupulous, hard-driving, opportunistic movie producer, Sammy Glick.

"I regard it to be a pornographic book, in the worst sense of the word," Mr. Goldberg said of the Lasky book.

Of Nelson Rockefeller, Mr. Goldberg said, "he is not fit to be Vice President, based upon what occurred and the cover-up story."