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Rebozo - Undated story on corporate contributions describes the work of a special task force assigned to this in the Watergate special prosecutor's office, headed by Thomas McBride. This task force is "authorized to explore contributions going back only five years, within the statute of limitations."

"[This] task force ... has concluded most of its work involving corporations but is still examining the roles of a number of key individuals in giving or receiving corporate funds." Rebozo is among those named in story.

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- See entry 6 Apr 75, Statute of limitations.

"Paragraph 5" - Article on a matter which came up during Ehrlichman's testimony 26 Jul 73, that of a paragraph excised from a memo to him from Krogh and Young, dated 11 Aug 71. The paragraph in question is a request that (British?) phone taps on KBG personnel in England be reviewed for the years 1952-53, to see if Ellsberg was overheard while he was a student at Cambridge.

"Baker's persistent questions led to a well-publicized private briefing [27 Jul 73] at which White House lawyers [Garment and Buzhardt] told Ervin, Baker and top committee staff about the sensitive subject they wanted to protect. This turned out to be the 1970-71 leaking of National Security Council documents to the Joint Chiefs of Staff

"During that briefing, paragraph 5 was not specifically ~~mentioned~~ discussed, according to the committee's chief counsel, Samuel Dash. The White House lawyers, Dash said last week [no date] let the Senate group assume that the deletion was related to the JCS affair. And so Ervin and Baker emerged from the briefing to announce that the secret they now shared was indeed sensitive and would not be pursued."

The memo of 11 Aug 71 was not classified; Young gave its full text to the prosecutors "in May 73." When the Ervin committee subpoenaed Young "that summer," Young's attorney, apparently on his own, excised the paragraph.

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