

G.O.P. Aide Ousted Over Report That He Got \$5,000 for a Favor

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—An assistant to the co-chairman of the Republican National Committee learned today that he had been dismissed as the result of allegations that he was paid \$5,000 for helping to secure a \$500,000 loan.

The aide, Douglas W. English Jr., was dropped yesterday by Thomas B. Evans, the co-chairman for whom he had worked since June 1 at a \$25,000-a-year salary.

Press reports over the weekend disclosed that Mr. English was paid \$5,000 for helping a Washington builder, Dr. Cyrus Katzen, obtain a \$500,000 loan from the First National City Bank of New York.

Neither Mr. Evans nor Mr. English could be reached for comment today, but an assistant to Mr. Evans said she informed Mr. English this morning of his dismissal.

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"He was surprised to learn of the termination and I think he was very upset by it," said Mary Jane McManus, who spoke to Mr. English by telephone.

She said that Mr. English could not be reached yesterday and that he had learned of his dismissal by reading a Washington Post account in which Mr. Evans said that he was "opposed to anyone using his connection with the Republican party for an economic gain."

But Miss McManus added, "The termination is not because we believe Mr. English is guilty, but because you expect total candor from your employees on a matter that seems this important and serious."

Mr. Evans, she said, did not feel that Mr. English was being sufficiently candid about the loan.

According to press accounts

and sources familiar with the incident, the loan was approved after another Government official called the bank on behalf of Mr. English.

The Government official, James T. Blair, is banking director of the United States Postal Service. He has said that he made one telephone call to a bank vice president, John Stanton, to expedite the loan at the request of Mr. English, who is a friend.

Dr. Katzen, a dentist, said that he was not aware of Mr. Blair's involvement in the transaction. He defended the \$5,000 payment as "perfectly normal and routine." He was introduced to Mr. English about four or five months ago, he said, by Cyrus T. Anderson, a lobbyist who allegedly signed the \$5,000 check and forwarded it to Mr. English for Dr. Katzen.

Mr. Blair said that he had done nothing improper in making a telephone call to the bank. When informed of the payment to Mr. English, he was quoted as saying, "Oh, God, what a mess."