

Break-in Furor

2 Nixon Aides Are Questioned

Washington

Two close associates of President Nixon answered questions in secrecy yesterday on public controversy continued to swirl around Democratic charges of scandal in the Nixon campaign.

Maurice H. Stans, once Nixon's Commerce Secretary and now his campaign finance director, underwent an "informal" interview by staff aides of the House Banking and Currency Committee, which is looking into charges of mishandling of campaign funds.

Meanwhile, Charles W. Colson, a special counsel to the President, appeared to make a sworn, court-ordered deposition to opposition lawyers in a \$1 million civil suit Democrats have filed over the bugging of their national headquarters.

There were these other developments:

• Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, appearing in Rhinelander, Wis., promised there would be criminal indictments handed down in the alleged bugging incident before the November election, possibly in September.

• Clark MacGregor, Nixon's campaign chairman, said in Baltimore the indictments would clear Mr. Nixon and his Administration of any involvement.

The General Accounting Office, in releasing its report on Nixon finances last weekend, said it had traced \$114,000 intended for the President's re-election campaign to the Florida bank account of one of the Watergate suspects, Bernard L. Barker.

Stans, who has complained the GAO report was

riddled with inaccuracies, met for 90 minutes with staff aides for the Banking and Currency Committee. Sources said the discussion "touched on" how the money wound up in Barker's account, but declined to disclose details at Stans' request.

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