

## 'Charges On Chapin Political'

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The White House today labeled as politically motivated reports that President Nixon's appointments secretary, Dwight Chapin, was personally involved in secret intelligence gathering against the Democrats.

Ronald Ziegler, Nixon's press secretary, said he would not dignify charges "based on hearsay, character assassination and guilt by association."

Ziegler told reporters that Nixon has "confidence in Mr. Chapin."

### 'Hearsay'

"These stories are based on hearsay, on sources which will not reveal themselves," Ziegler said. "I'm not going to get into extensive response to stories based on hearsay where guilt by association is implied."

He exhibited anger that there would be charges that "this administration condones espionage or sabotage or that this administration would develop a program of surveillance or keep dossiers" on members of the opposition.

### Time Report

Time magazine said the files showed that Chapin paid Donald H. Segretti more than \$35,000 "to subvert and disrupt Democratic candidates' campaigns."

The Washington Post reported that Lawrence Young, a California lawyer, \*said in a sworn statement that Segretti told him: "Dwight Chapin was a person I reported to in Washington."