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Stans Wins Ruling Over Extradition

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A District of Columbia judge ruled yesterday that former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans, President Nixon's chief re-election campaign fundraiser, does not have to appear in a Florida court to testify in a case related to the Watergate break-in.

Superior Court Judge Paul McArdle said in voiding an extradition order for Stans that he was not a material witness in the Florida case in which Bernard L. Barker is accused of fraudulently notarizing a \$25,000 Nixon campaign contribution check that passed through Stans' hands.

Barker was one of five men arrested inside Democratic campaign headquarters here the night of June 17, and subsequently indicted by a federal grand jury on conspiracy and burglary charges.

Stans argued in court that "my presence isn't necessary in the case" and that it would work a hardship on him because his wife is ill and hospitalized.

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