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NEW YORK AP - Time magazine said Sunday that Dwight Chapin, deputy assistant to President Nixon, has admitted to the FBI that he had hired Los Angeles lawyer Ronald H. Segretti to disrupt Democratic presidential campaigns.

The magazine said its information came from unnamed Justice Department officials.

Last week, Clark MacGregor, director of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, denied that Chapin was involved or knew about efforts to disrupt Democratic campaigns.

Time said it had not been able to develop hard evidence to support a charge by the Washington Post that H. R. Waldeman, the White House Chief of Staff, was one of those in control of a fund that paid for spying and disruption.

The magazine said it learned that Chapin told the FBI that Segretti's payment was set by California lawyer Herbert Kalmbach, Nixon's personal attorney.

It said Kalmbach admitted to the FBI that the money he paid to Segretti came from cash kept in the office of Maurice H. Stans, finance chairman of the Committee to Re-elect the President.

Segretti, a former Treasury Department attorney who now has a private law practice in California, has been identified in various published reports as having been hired by two White House aides to recruit operatives in an alleged scheme to sabotage the campaigns of Democratic presidential hopefuls.

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The White House refused comment on the Time story.

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In an earlier report, Time said Segretti received \$35,000 from Kalmbach between September 1971 and March 1972 to disrupt primary campaigns, using such tactics as harassing telephone calls.

The earlier report said Segretti also met in Miami with E. Howard Hunt, one of two former White House consultants indicted in connection with the break-in June 17 at Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate complex, and that the meeting occurred before the Watergate incident.

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