

Time Says Aide to Nixon Admits He Hired Segretti

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 — Dwight L. Chapin, a deputy assistant to President Nixon has acknowledged to Federal investigators that he hired Donald H. Segretti, a young lawyer who is reported to have been a Republican sabotage agent, according to Time magazine.

Quoting Justice Department officials, Time reports in the Nov. 6 issue that Mr. Chapin told agents of the Federal Bureau of investigation that he hired Mr. Segretti to disrupt the Democratic campaign. Mr. Chapin has been connected with Mr. Segretti in reports by a number of publications.

Mr. Chapin was unavailable for comment today. A Justice Department spokesman said he

Maurice H. Stans, chairman of the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President. The magazine reported two weeks ago that Mr. Kalmbach made payments of more than \$35,000 to Mr. Segretti between Sept. 1, 1971, and March 15, 1972, using funds kept in Mr. Stans's safe.

In an article on Oct. 15, The Washington Post reported that Mr. Chapin, who serves as the President's appointments secretary, had been one of the "contacts" for Mr. Segretti in a program of political sabotage. Mr. Chapin called that article "fundamentally inaccurate."

The Post article was based on an interview with Lawrence R. Young, a California lawyer who is a friend of Mr. Segretti. Mr. Young, according to The Post said that Mr. Segretti had told him that "Dwight Chapin was a person I reported to in Washington."

Mr. Chapin has made no further comment on the news reports, and newsmen have been unable to find Mr. Segretti.

Time, in an article released two weeks ago, said that Justice Department files showed that Mr. Chapin and Gordon Strachan, another White House aide, were responsible for the hiring of Mr. Segretti. That article, however, did not say that Mr. Chapin had told this to F.B.I. agents.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, has said that "no one here at the White House directed" activities involving "sabotage, spying, espionage." He has not, however, specifically replied to the articles about Mr. Chapin.

Clark MacGregor, director of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, said in an interview over the Public Broadcasting Service on Thursday, "Dwight Chapin had nothing to do with the hiring of Donald Segretti to perform any of the activities that have been referred to."

Mr. Kalmbach has been unavailable for comment on his role in the matter.



Herbert W. Kalmbach

had no comment on the article in Time, which will appear on the newsstands tomorrow.

Time, again quoting Justice Department sources, also reports that Herbert W. Kalmbach, the President's personal attorney, has told F.B.I. agents that he paid Mr. Segretti from a cash kept in the office of