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# White House Scolds FBI For Report

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The White House refused yesterday to explain why a personal lawyer for President Nixon paid a man who has been linked to political sabotage attempts from GOP campaign funds.

At the same time, presidential press secretary Ronald Ziegler delivered an indirect rebuke to acting FBI director L. Patrick Gray III for releasing "raw" files on the Watergate case to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Ziegler said his critical comments on "the release of raw and unevaluated material from FBI files" were not related to "any specific story."

But they came only a day after Gray gave the judiciary committee, which is considering his nomination as FBI director, a summary of the FBI's interview of Herbert W. Kalmbach, a Newport Beach GOP fundraiser and lawyer for Mr. Nixon.

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Kalmbach told the FBI last September that he hired Donald H. Segretti of Los Angeles to do "service" for the Republican party. He said he hired Segretti, who has been linked in several

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newspaper reports with political spying and sabotage attempts against Democratic candidates, at the request of Dwight L. Chapin, who recently quit as Mr. Nixon's appointments secretary.

Gray's submission of the interview, in reply to a question by Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), marked the first official confirmation of news accounts linking Kalmbach, Chapin and Segretti.

an open administration?"

Ziegler: "I guess it is, and in that context I stand on what I've said."

Gray wound up his testimony yesterday, after five days of questioning, and the committee turned to several other witnesses, most of whom are opposed to Gray.

But Senator John V. Tunney (Dem - Calif.), focusing on Gray's acknowledgment that he turned over FBI files on the Watergate case to White House counsel John W. Dean

Ziegler said during 40 minutes of intense questioning on the subject that he would stand "firmly" on previous White House announcements that dismissed the news stories as "hearsay, character assassination, innuendo, guilt by association."

"I've reviewed the stories," Ziegler said. "I've reviewed the transcripts of what I've said in the past months. I see nothing new, and I have no further comment to offer on it."

III, urged that Gray return and Dean be called to testify on Dean's relationship with one of the convicted Watergate defendants.

Tunney cited testimony during the Watergate trial that Dean had brought defendant G. Gordon Liddy to the Committee for the Re-election of the President where he was hired as counsel.

Tunney noted that the testimony came from Jeb Magruder, deputy GOP cam-

Question—"Was the President aware of Mr. Kalmbach's testimony to the FBI that Dwight Chapin was involved in the dispensing of \$30,000 to Segretti?" (Kalmbach told the FBI he paid Segretti \$30,000 to \$40,000 between Sept. 1, 1971, and March 15, 1972.)

Ziegler: "As I said before, I'm not going to have any comment today on any aspect of the story that ran—beyond what I have said before."

Question—"Well, isn't this

paign director, who was questioned by the FBI last July 20 — the day before Gray testified he sent a memorandum summarizing the Watergate investigation through channels to Dean.

Tunney, adding that the FBI questioned Dean on three occasions before Gray sent the memorandum, said Dean's relationship with Liddy should "have totally disqualified him from any participation in this matter at all, let alone access to FBI files."

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