

Nixon Committee Knew of FBI

Washington

Within 48 hours of a supposedly confidential interview with the FBI, an employee of the Committee for the Re-election of the President was summoned by Nixon campaign officials to explain her actions, according to her own sworn affidavit.

The employee, who was originally interviewed by the FBI in the presence of a lawyer for the Nixon campaign organization, was one of three campaign employ-

ees who asked to be re-interviewed in secret.

According to acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III, reports of those three interviews were turned over only to President Nixon's White House counsel, John Wesley Dean III. If Dean turned over such information to officials of the President's campaign organization, it would have been a serious breach of the confidentiality of FBI files, Gray has said in reference to another alleged breach of FBI files.

The affidavit was signed

Friday night by Judith Hoback, the former assistant to the treasurer of the Committee for the Re-election of the President. It was obtained by Senator Birch Bayh (Dem-Ind.), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is now considering President Nixon's nomination of Gray to be permanent director of the FBI.

Members of the Senate Judiciary Staff said yesterday they are "proceeding on the assumption that Dean turned the information over, unless he

tells us otherwise."

Within 48 hours of an FBI interview she presumed to be secret, Mrs. Hoback said in her affidavit, she was called into the office of former Assistant Attorney General Robert C. Mardian, then political coordinator of the Nixon campaign. Also present, she said, were Fred Larue, a former assistant to the President; Kenneth Wells Parkinson, the Nixon campaign organization's principal attorney, and Paul O'Brien, another attorney for the committee.

"I hear you have been talking to the FBI," Mrs. Hoback's affidavit says she told by Parkinson. She added in the sworn statement:

"To my knowledge I had not informed anyone of my interviews with the FBI, and the interviews were in confidence and no one else knew.

"Mr. Parkinson apparently was not aware of the first (private) interview from the type of questions he asked, but was aware that I had been interviewed and stated he wanted to be kept abreast of what the FBI wanted."

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