

KCBS News, 9:30 a.m., Sharon Lovejoy

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A Washington newspaper, in a dispatch from Newport Beach, says that the Nixon campaign had a secret fund to be used at least in part for political spying and disruption. The Washington Star-News says the money, up to a half million dollars of it, was kept in Newport Beach under the control of President Nixon's personal lawyer, Herbert Kalmbach. The paper quotes sources as saying the fund was uncovered last November by the Senate subcommittee probing the Watergate incident. The article goes on to say that the findings were kept secret by the subcommittee. It was headed by Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts. According to the paper, the lawyer appeared before the Federal grand jury investigating the Watergate case Friday [20 Apr] but declined to comment on the report.

And in another development, conspirator Gordon Liddy has refused a request from the President regarding the Watergate affair. With the rest of the story, Bob Honig [New York].

Honig: According to the [New York?] Times the information comes from sources close to the investigation. Liddy ... reportedly knows of President Nixon's interest in the case but is said to be set in his opposition to helping Federal probers. The Times says Liddy may be trying to protect former attorney general John Mitchell, his former boss on the Committee to Re-elect the President.