

Three Secret Nixon Accounts

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The disclosure yesterday of the existence of a secret fund in a California bank brought to three the number of such secret accounts publicly linked to the Nixon re-election campaign or the Watergate affair and its aftermath. Here is an outline of the secret accounts known to exist, the known sources of money in the funds, the uses of that money and the men reported to have control over those funds:

MAURICE STANS' SAFE: This was the first secret account to be discovered, and the only account linked directly to the Watergate bugging. Stans is finance chairman of the Committee for the Re-election of the President. The fund, in cash, was kept in a safe in his office. It is believed to have been the largest of the known secret funds, with cash deposits fluctuating between \$350,000 and \$700,000 or more.

Sources: The fund at one time contained \$25,000 contributed to the Nixon campaign by Dwayne Andreas, a wealthy Minneapolis investor. Andreas later received a coveted federal bank charter. The fund also contained a \$100,000 contribution from Robert H. Allen, a Houston oil executive, who arranged to have the money transferred to Nixon campaign officials through Mexico. Allen's contribution was returned to him earlier this year. A third source was Robert L. Vesco, international financier and central figure in a Securities and Exchange Commission fraud investigation, who contributed \$200,000 in cash and another \$50,000 check after being solicited twice by the re-election committee. The Vesco contribution also was returned.

Uses: Money from the fund paid for the Watergate bugging attempt. Early in the investigation, \$114,000 from the fund—consisting of \$89,000 of Allen's contribution that had been routed through Mexico and Andreas' \$25,000—was traced to the Miami bank account of Bernard L. Barker, one of the convicted Watergate conspirators. Some \$235,000 from this fund was paid to G. Gordon Liddy, another of the convicted conspirators.

Control: Last October, The Post, quoting sources close to the investigation, reported that five men had control

over the account in Stans' safe: H. R. Haldeman, the White House chief of staff; former Attorney General John N. Mitchell; Jeb Stuart Magruder, President Nixon's former special assistant; Herbert W. Kalmbach, the President's personal attorney, and Stans.

HALDEMAN ACCOUNT: The existence of this account became known early this month from sources close to a federal grand jury probing the Watergate incident and related allegations of widespread political sabotage during the 1972 Nixon re-election campaign. The account contained \$350,000 and was kept in a safe at the White House, according to the sources.

Sources: The money reportedly was transferred to the White House from the re-election committee before April 7 on the orders of Haldeman. It is not known who contributed the money to the committee.

Uses: Not known. The grand jury is investigating to determine whether the Haldeman money was used as "hush money" to keep the Watergate conspirators silent.

Control: Haldeman.

CALIFORNIA ACCOUNT: This account, which contained up to \$500,000, was kept in a Newport Beach, Calif., branch of the Bank of America, under the name of Kalmbach, the President's attorney.

Sources: Collections from Republican contributors in 1971 and 1972 when the donors names did not have to be disclosed.

Uses: At least \$30,000 in cash from the account was paid to California attorney Donald H. Segretti to conduct political sabotage, according to federal sources. The account supplied money for other undercover activities or campaign expenses that might have been embarrassing to the Nixon committee, according to the sources.

Control: Kalmbach. In addition, The Washington Post obtained records showing that Frank DeMarco Jr., one of Kalmbach's law partners, and Anne Harvey, Kalmbach's secretary, were granted power of attorney in dealing with the account.