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Kleindienst Out of Vesco Probe

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Attorney General Richard Kleindienst has decided he will have nothing to do with a grand jury investigation of financier Robert Vesco's dealings because of close personal relationships with persons who might be involved.

Kleindienst withdrew from the administration's Watergate probe last week for substantially the same reason.

A grand jury in New York is thought to be investigating whether political pressure was brought to bear to help Vesco, accused by the Securities and Exchange Commission of looting \$224 million from three mutual funds.

Vesco gave \$250,000 to the Nixon campaign last year when the SEC investigation was warming up. The money was returned two months after the SEC sued Vesco.

News reports have said indictments are expected soon, and that the investigation is focusing on former Nixon campaign chief John N. Mitchell and on Maurice Stans, President Nixon's chief campaign fund-raiser.

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