

Report That Kalmbach Razed Files

Herbert W. Kalmbach, who was President Nixon's personal attorney until recently, has told Government investigators that he destroyed all his campaign finance records before the new federal campaign finance law took effect April 7 last year, sources close to the case said yesterday.

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The sources reported that Kalmbach said he destroyed the records to prevent any public disclosure of the donors' names.

Such destruction of records could be a violation of the 1922 federal Corrupt Practices Act, which calls for maintenance of such files for at least two years. The Corrupt Practices Act expired when the new law went into effect.

It could not be immediately determined whether the data in the destroyed records were duplicated in other records.

The maximum penalty for the accidental destruction of such records under the old act was a fine of \$1000 or one year's imprisonment. The deliberate destruction of the records could result in a fine of \$10,000 or two years in jail. Some lawyers said these penalties would still apply.

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