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Campaign Records Destroyed--Counsel

NEW YORK — (AP) — President Nixon's former personal attorney has told government investigators that he destroyed all his campaign finance records before the 1972 federal campaign finance law took effect, according to sources quoted today by the New York Times.

The Times said it had learned from sources close to the case that Herbert W. Kalmbach, who was Nixon's attorney until a few days ago, said he destroyed the records to protect the names of donors.

Most of the funds raised by Kalmbach came from wealthy Republicans living in southern California, where Kalmbach maintains a private law practice, the newspaper said.

Kalmbach served as associate chairman of the Republican re-election finance committee. Such destruction of records, the Times said, could be a violation of the 1922 Corrupt Practices Act.

The Times said Kalmbach controlled a secret \$500,000 fund, part of which was allegedly used for espionage and sabotage during the 1972 campaign. The newspaper said he is also known to be under grand jury investigation for his alleged role in a reported conspiracy to obstruct the initial federal investigations into the bugging

of Democratic national headquarters in Washington's Watergate complex.