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\$600,000 Given Nixon Lawyer,

Aide, Court Told

WASHINGTON — (UPI)— Hugh W. Sloan Jr., President Nixon's former re-election treasurer, has testified he gave \$600,000 in campaign funds to Nixon's personal lawyer and a White House aide for unknown purposes, according to court records.

"I can't imagine what any individual would be paid that amount of money personally for," Sloan said. "I think obviously there would be a secondary distribution of the funds."

Sloan made his statements in a pre-trial deposition in the Democrats' \$6.4 million civil damage suit against the Committee for the Re-election of the President. The case has grown out of the June 17 bugging of Democratic National committee headquarters in the Watergate complex.

Cash Used

The 180-page deposition reveals that Sloan was questioned closely by Democratic lawyers about contributions and disbursements that he handled — often cash in his office safe — prior to April 7, 1972. Federal law required full disclosure of all financial transactions after that date.

Sloan was a White House staff assistant before becoming treasurer of the Finance Committee to re-elect the President in March, 1971. He resigned last July in protest of "some of the things (he was being) asked to do."

During that period, Sloan said \$900,000 to \$950,000 was made in disbursements to various individuals, generally from safes kept in his office and that of former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans, Nixon's finance chairman.

List Given

Among these disbursements, he said, were:

- \$350,000 in cash in a briefcase to Gordon Strachan, who recently resigned

as general counsel for the U.S. Information Agency and who at the time was political liaison for then White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman. Sloan said the payment was made before the April 7 deadline and was approved by Herbert W. Kalmbach, Nixon's personal

lawyer. • \$250,000 to Kalmbach, also prior to April 7 and often merely through receipts for contributions which Kalmbach said he had received. Kalmbach has told the FBI he paid between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to Donald H. Segretti, a California law-

yer alleged to have played a key role in various acts of political espionage and sabotage against the Democrats last year.

- \$199,000 to G. Gordon Liddy, former White House aide, finance counsel for the Re-election Committee at the time, and later convicted

in the Watergate bugging. The amount included \$83,000 approved by deputy campaign manager Jeb. S. Magruder as part of Liddy's budget, and four Mexican checks totaling \$89,000 dated April 5.

- \$100,000 to Herbert L. Porter, then in charge of the

Re-election Committee's program of "surrogate" campaign speakers, including about \$11,000 paid under Magruder's authorization after April 7.

- \$20,000 to Magruder in early 1972.

Mitchell Aide

Sloan said that on instruc-

tions he turned over the balance of the safes' contents, about \$80,000, on July 3 or 4 to Fred Larue, a top aide to John N. Mitchell, former Attorney General who had resigned as campaign manager a few days earlier.

Sloan said he destroyed his cash book after he made his final summary report on the funds he handled to Stans and that he often did not directly handle the funds going to Kalmbach.

"He would notify me and he would give me a name of a contributor and say that he had received, as an ex-

ample, \$10,000 and had not turned it over to me but I would carry it in the book and list it in turn as a disbursement to Mr. Kalmbach so that we would have a complete list of names, and so forth, but some of the funds never physically came through the campaign headquarters," Sloan said.

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