

## Caught in a Scandal

# One Nixon Man Who Quit

Princeton, N.J.

EARLY every weekday morning, a slight young man emerges from a saltbox house on the outskirts of this university town, climbs into a late-model sedan and drives 70 miles to his desk in an industrial complex in Philadelphia.

He is well-born, well-bred, well-educated, well-paid, well-traveled, well-spoken and well-dressed.

Yet, there is about Hugh W. Sloan Jr. a certain sense of sadness these days.

Like a number of other bright young people who once worked for Richard M. Nixon and the Republican Party, he has been caught up in swirls of the Watergate scandal.

"I'm not really bitter," he said here last week as he reminisced about his sunshine days at the White House, "but I suppose it's also accurate to say that I'm not exactly happy about what happened."

That bit of understatement, characteristic of Sloan's low-key, soft-spoken demeanor, belies the enor-

mous impact his friends and family say the scandal has had on him.

Sloan Jr. came home from the Navy and Vietnam in 1965 when he was 24 years old and began groping for a career.

His father, a vice president of St. Regis Paper Co., Inc., suggested a career in diplomacy and Sloan tentatively agreed. He moved to Washington and enrolled in the Georgetown School of Foreign Service.

In December, he quit and went to work for the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee.

He moved quickly up through the national party's structure. He went to work for the Republican National finance committee in late 1966, and in 1968, became the assistant finance director of the Nixon-Agnew campaign.

After the election, he served briefly as Nixon's personal aide and after the inauguration in January, 1969, he was named to the White House staff, working directly under Dwight Chap-

in, the appointments secretary, and indirectly under H.R. Haldeman, ultimately the President's chief-of-staff.

Then, in early 1971, he left the White House and moved to Nixon's campaign organization again — once more as a finance expert. By February of the next year, he was its treasurer, responsible as a custodian for a campaign bankroll that would eventually reach nearly \$50 million.

A part of the money — no one is certain yet precisely how much of it — was disbursed in cash by Sloan to some of the men now being implicated in the scandal, including G. Gordon Liddy, a convicted Watergate conspirator.

Then, according to Sloan, he was approached by Jeb S. Magruder and Fred LaRue, two high-ranking campaign officers and asked to come to some agreement with them on precisely how much he had paid Liddy over the months.

"It was obvious to me . . . by what had been addressed to me in terms of sugges-



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Hint of grief

tions that I tell an untrue story, a general atmosphere of suggesting a Fifth Amendment, that this was something I didn't want to be a party to," he said.

So after attempting "to get some guidance or justification for the money — to get an answer essentially to what the hell was going on, he quit the campaign.

"This whole thing," Sloan Jr. said, "is tragic — for the people involved, for their families and for the country."

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