

Porter's Story

About a Cabbie

Washington

Herbert L. Porter, who will be at the witness table when the Senate Watergate hearings resume today, is expected to testify that the Nixon re-election committee paid a taxi driver to photograph documents from Senator Edmund S. Muskie's presidential campaign.

Porter, according to Senate experts, has told investigators that the documents were reproduced during the last few months of 1971.

Porter was interviewed by Senate interrogators on April 21. He told them, according to a report of that interview, that he did not know the name of the taxi driver but that the driver was a "source" of Kenneth S. Rietz. Rietz was in charge of the youth vote for the Nixon campaign.

Porter is reported to have told the investigators that he paid Rietz \$1000 a month for two or three months and that Rietz gave the money to the cab driver.

Porter was the scheduling director for the Nixon campaign. In Senate committee testimony last week, Hugh W. Sloan Jr., the deputy finance director for the campaign, said that he had paid Porter about \$100,000 in cash, much of which was reported to have been used for "dirty tricks."

The taxi driver worked as a courier for the Muskie campaign, transporting material from the Maine Democrat's Senate office to his campaign headquarters on K street in downtown Washington, according to what Porter told the investigators.

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