

Secret Nixon Contributors

Washington

The White House yesterday confirmed that a secret list of contributors to President Nixon's reelection campaign has been found in the files of Mr. Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods.

The list includes the names of major contributors who donated to the Nixon campaign before the April 7, 1972 deadline, after which contributors named would have to be revealed.

Acting press secretary Gerald L. Warren said that the Committee to Re-Elect the President had sent the list over to Miss Woods but added that "it was never shown to the President."

Former Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans testified Tuesday that he had destroyed a list of secret contributors one week after the break-in of the Democratic party headquarters at the Watergate. Stans said it was a "coincidence" that he had destroyed the list at that

time but said it was consistent with pledges to donors that their contributions would remain confidential.

The existence of the contributors and an accounting of their donations was first disclosed by former committee treasurer Hugh Sloan. Since then, the list has been turned over to the lawyers for Common Cause, a Washington lobby, who have filed a civil suit in the Watergate break-in.

Warren was unable to say whether the White House list was the same one that Stans referred to in his testimony before the Senate investigating committee.

He said that it was "routine" for Miss Woods to keep lists of contributors and to use them in preparing guest lists for White House dinners and church services.

The Federal campaign finance law, which requires identification of contributors and details of donations, went into effect April 7.

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