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Nixon Aide Subpoenaed for Donor List

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A subpoena was served on President Nixon's personal secretary yesterday in an effort by Common Cause, a citizen's lobby, to obtain from the White House any record bearing on early contributions made to Mr. Nixon's reelection campaign.

A Common Cause spokesman said the subpoena, accepted for Rose Mary Woods by counsel to the President Leonard Garment, was motivated in part by concern that a list of \$19 million in contributions supplied by Garment earlier may understate the total.

The subpoena is an outgrowth of a Common Cause suit seeking to compel the Finance Committee to Reelect the President to make a full disclosure of its income and expenditures before April 7, 1972. That was the effective date of the election campaign financing disclosure law.

The subpoena directs Miss Woods to produce all records and "writings" on pre-April 7 contributions, including a breakdown on those \$1,000 or more that reportedly were coded to identify gifts of currency.

Miss Woods, who on Thursday was given the new title of executive assistant

to the President, also was asked to supply all records on expenditures exceeding \$10 that were made in behalf of Mr. Nixon's nomination and reelection.

A second subpoena was issued for any campaign financing records in the possession of Paula Fielding Weeda. The White House said she did secretarial work in the administrative office from July 29, 1971, until March 17, 1973.

The extent to which the subpoenaed papers exist and are available may become clearer next Friday, when they are to be produced in U.S. District Court. Miss Woods is to give a deposition about them on the same day to Common Cause. Mrs. Woods is to give a deposition on Tuesday.

Finance Committee Chairman Maurice H. Stans, testifying on Wednesday before the Senate Select Watergate

Committee, swore that his unit's records of cash contributions were destroyed.

Stans told Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.) that he was reconstructing a list of pre-April 7 contributions from memory and other sources.

The trail to the White House was opened some time ago by Robert C. Odle, a finance committee official, in a Common Cause deposition, according to Mitchell Rogovin, counsel for the citizens' lobby.

Odle said that committee documents presumed to be of interest to the White House were sent there, because that was where the presidential candidate happened to be.

Last June, former committee treasurer Hugh W. Sloan Jr. told Common Cause, in a May 25 deposition, he sent a summary list of contributors—believed to have been

coded to indicate contributors of cash—to the White House.

There, a spokesman said, Miss Woods added it to other lists used to compile invitations to White House functions. A copy was supplied to Common Cause last week in response to a request to presidential counsel Garment.

The copy, which is sealed by order of Judge Joseph C. Waddy, purports to show all pre-April contributors, Common Cause said in a court paper filed Tuesday.

The list showed pre-April 7 cash contributions of more than \$1 million. However, Common Cause had reason to believe the figure was at least \$200,000 greater, Rogovin said. Sloan told the Watergate committee on June 6 of "\$1.7 million or \$1.8 million . . . in the form of currency."