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Memo to Mitchell on Sen. Weicker

Early Objections to Campaign Tactics

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A confidential memorandum to former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell indicates the Committee for the Re-election of the President "had trouble" with Sen. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. as early as February 1972.

The Connecticut Republican was among the first members of his party to announce his concern about the Watergate affair during the campaign last year. He launched an independent investigation of it several months ago and now serves

on the Senate committee probing the scandal.

Weicker released a copy of the memo which he said was discovered by committee investigators searching the campaign records of Jeb Stuart Magruder, Mitchell's deputy who admitted last week to involvement in what he said was the planning and coverup of the Watergate and named Mitchell among others as allegedly involved. In a memorandum dated

Feb. 9, 1972, and marked "confidential," Magruder told Mitchell he was forwarding a memo from Ken Rietz "in answer to your question to me yesterday about Sen. Weicker."

Rietz headed the youth section of the Nixon re-election campaign. The memo from Rietz said Weicker had refused "at the last minute" to have his name announced as a congressional adviser to the Young Voters Committee.

In it, Rietz said the senator, "wanted complete control over all activities with no interference in the youth area from any Committee for the Re-election of the President officials." Weicker "felt his reputation was at stake," Rietz said.

Re-election committee spokesmen and Rietz could not be reached for comment.

Weicker's staff said the senator had his first problem with Rietz in January 1972 as the youth committee

was organizing for the New Hampshire primary campaign. Weicker objected to New York Young Republicans being bused to New Hampshire and told to pretend they were part of a spontaneous demonstration for Nixon by New Hampshire young people.

Weicker then pulled the Connecticut youth effort out of the Committee for the Re-election of the President and put it under the auspices of the regular Republican central committee.