

LaRue Reportedly Accepted Favors As Campaign Aide

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—Frederick C. LaRue, a Nixon campaign aide, accepted rent money and airplane rides from a failing housing company for which he interceded unsuccessfully with the Administration, according to public records and interviews.

Mr. LaRue, once a special assistant to the Republican campaign chairman, John N. Mitchell, has declined to speak publicly about the matter, on advice of his lawyer. He has been accused in sworn testimony of helping approve and cover up the Watergate wire-tapping.

Mr. LaRue has denied any wrongdoing to Federal investigators looking into his connections with the housing company, the now-bankrupt Stirling Homex Corporation of Avon, N. Y., informed sources said.

A former vice president of Homex, Rubie Phillips, said in

a telephone interview that he had paid Mr. LaRue \$200 a month for several months, possibly as long as a year, for use of Mr. LaRue's Washington apartment, where he stayed frequently. The apartment is situated in the Watergate complex. Mr. Phillips said he charged much of the rental expense directly to Homex.

Public records show that Mr. LaRue and former Attorney General Mitchell used Homex business jets on a Florida trip last year during which the two allegedly approved plans to wiretap Democratic targets, including the party's Watergate headquarters.

Mr. LaRue obtained a rare, high-level review in April, 1972, of an Agriculture Department decision unfavorable to Homex, but Agriculture Under Secretary J. Phil Campbell, who told of the interview, had said he refused to reverse the decision. Homex had hoped to sell homes through a cooperative to the Farmers Home Administration, an arm of the Agriculture Department.