

Kalmbach Swears Ehrlichman Lied

Washington

Former presidential aide John D. Ehrlichman was "not telling the truth" before the Senate Watergate committee when he denied endorsing huge cash payments to the bugging conspirators, according to sworn testimony by President Nixon's former personal attorney.

The lawyer, Herbert W. Kalmbach, said there is "just no doubt" in his mind that he sought and received assurances from Ehrlichman last summer that such payments were proper and was told to "go forward" with the project.

"I am absolutely crystal clear he was fully aware of the assignment," Kalmbach said in a sworn deposition made public yesterday.

He said he would be willing to take a lie detector test on any discrepancies between his sworn testimony and that of others.

The deposition was taken in a Watergate-related civil suit on July 31, the day after Ehrlichman testified under oath at the nationally televised Watergate hearings that he could remember no such conversation with Kalmbach, doubted it ever took place and would never have given him such assurances.

"Would he not be telling the truth regarding that matter?" Kalmbach was asked by Robert E. Weiss, an attorney for the Democratic National Committee that is pressing the \$6.4 million suit.

"He would not be telling the truth," Kalmbach replied. "... that would be incorrect."

Kalmbach's 129-page deposition closely paralleled his own testimony before the Senate committee in mid-July, in which he detailed how he handled nearly \$2 million in secret Nixon campaign funds on White House orders, and after the Watergate bugging raised and dis-

bursed \$220,000 to the conspirators.

However, Kalmbach also disclosed that:

- On orders of then Attorney General John N. Mitchell, he gave \$100,000 in leftover 1968 Nixon campaign funds to Governor Louie B. Nunn of Kentucky and \$36,000 to Presidential adviser Murray Chotiner for "political" purposes in 1971.

- He also sent \$20,000 to Governor William B. Cahill of New Jersey in 1969 for his political campaign.

- He paid a total of \$100,000 from the secret campaign money over a period of 27 months to Anthony Ulasewicz, a former New York City policeman who has testified he was hired by the White House to snoop into the sex lives, drinking habits and personal problems of rival politicians and later worked with Kalmbach in funnelling payoffs to the Watergate team.

- He received for inclusion in the secret fund \$300,000 in cash from seven contributors in 1969, 1970 and 1971.

Kalmbach also denied allegations by American Airlines board chairman George A. Spater that he had pressured the company into making an illegal corporate donation to the Nixon campaign.

Spater said July 6 that American had given \$55,000 in cash to the campaign after Kalmbach, whose clients include United Air Lines, had told him American was among companies "from whom \$100,000 was expected."

Kalmbach said he did solicit Spater for donations from company executives with a "goal figure" of \$100,000. But, he said, "at no time did I request corporate funds and at no time did I request cash . . . at no time was there any indication on my part of any threat or intimidation whatsoever."

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