

# A State Probe of Nixon Lawyer

## Sacramento

California's secretary of state said yesterday he will investigate the receipt of \$250,000 in campaign funds by President Nixon's former personal attorney.

The payment to Herbert W. Kalmbach of Newport Beach was disclosed in a report filed in Sacramento and Washington Friday by the Committee to Re-Elect the President.

Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. said the payment by the Committee to Re-Elect the President, had been secret until now. The report does not say what the money was used for and he wants to find out, Brown said.

The report commented that "Mr. Kalmbach can best provide information and the purpose of these funds."

## MATTERS

Brown said he had been in contact with Kalmbach for several months "regarding another Nixon campaign matter" and will extend that investigation to include the \$250,000.

The other matter is the disposition of surplus funds, — \$753,000, according to the New York Times — from Mr. Nixon's 1968 election

campaign.

"What happened to that is a mystery," said Brown's top aide, Deputy Secretary of State Thomas Quinn.

These funds, a spokesman for the secretary of state said, were "either raised in California, or deposited in banks in this state."

The report filed Friday accounted for Nixon re-election campaign activities dating back to Jan. 1, 1971.

## FILING

Brown said the Nixon campaign previously agreed to account for all funds raised and spent back to the 1968 election. Following the release of the report Friday, attorneys for the committee told Quinn they no longer thought such a filing was necessary under California law.

"If they refuse, we would have to go to court," Quinn said.

Quinn said California cannot get a complete picture of the 1972 Nixon campaign finance operation unless it has details going all the way back to 1968.

Quinn said "they never stopped" raising and spending money.

## INFORMATION

Quinn said Brown's office has turned some information from its Nixon campaign fund investigation over to special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox, and to the Senate Watergate committee.

Kalmbach's office in Newport Beach said he was unavailable for comment.

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