

A Dairy Money Claim is Disputed

Washington

A former lawyer for milk producers has given a sworn statement indicating that Herbert W. Kalmbach, one of President Nixon's chief fund raisers, solicited contributions a year earlier than he testified he had before the Senate Watergate Committee.

Jake Jacobsen, a former lawyer for Associated Milk Producers, Inc., said in a deposition that his law partner had told him that Associated gave \$100,000 to Kalmbach in August 1969.

On July 16 of this year, Kalmbach read to the Watergate committee a prepared statement saying, "I agreed to solicit early pledges of financial support for the president's 1972 campaign beginning in November 1970."

The significance of the conflict is that Kalmbach or Jacobsen could be charged with perjury. A spokesman for the special prosecutor's office declined to comment.

COMMENT

Neither Kalmbach nor his lawyer, James H. O'Connor, could be reached for comment.

In the deposition, Jacobsen said that his law part-

ner, Milton P. Semer, got in touch with former Attorney General John Mitchell in 1969 "to find out how to get a more sympathetic understanding of the dairy industry problems in this administration." Mitchell sent Semer to Kalmbach, Jacobsen said.

"Kalmbach said he Mr. Semer) ought to make a contribution, and he did make a contribution," the deposition said.

"And did they tell you that this \$100,000 was to go as a campaign contribution?" Jacobsen was asked.

Jacobsen: "No, they didn't say that."

Q "Just \$100,000?"

Jacobsen: "Correct."

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Semer delivered the money to Kalmbach in a brief case. Jacobsen said Semer had proposed giving it in a series of checks, but Kalmbach had told him over the phone that "he wanted it in cash."

Jacobsen's deposition complicates an already complex story of allegedly illegal contributions by the milk lobby to President Nixon's 1972 campaign.

A suit by consumer advocate Ralph Nader charges that last year the administration ordered a large in-

crease in milk price supports in exchange for \$422,500 in campaign money.

There have also been suggestions that the president reduced import quotas on at least two dairy products after the dairy industry had pledged a \$2 million contribution to the Nixon campaign.

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The Wall Street Journal reported yesterday that after Kalmbach had received the money in his California office, he arranged for representatives of the milk industry to be received at the White House.

James H. O'Connor Kalmbach's lawyer, was quoted as saying that the milk money had been "cleared for receipt," by H. R. Haldeman, then Mr. Nixon's chief of staff.

Jacobsen was mentioned as one of two men handling the \$2 million milk pledge in a memo dated Feb. 1, 1972, from Gordon Strachan, a former White House aid to Haldeman. Harold Nelson, the general manager of Associated, was the other man mentioned in the memo.

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