

FBI Silent On Rebozo Cash Story

Washington

The FBI refused yesterday to discuss a Miami agent's role in inspecting \$100,000 in cash given to President Nixon's friend, Charles G. Rebozo as a political contribution and later returned to the honor, industrialist Howard Hughes.

FBI spokesmen said they could not respond to newsmen's questions because the agent, Kenneth W. Whittaker, had been interviewed by the Senate Watergate committee staff.

Whittaker, who is in charge of the Miami FBI office, was summoned by the committee staff after Mr. Nixon told a group of congressmen Friday that the FBI had inspected the money, apparently to verify that the bills returned to Hughes were the same as those given to him in 1970.

Representative Charles W. Whalen Jr. (Rep-Ohio) quoted the President as saying Rebozo "had the FBI check it out."

Mr. Nixon said the FBI took fingerprints from the money and checked the serial numbers of the bills, according to Whalen.

However, one FBI source said a check of the serial numbers would prove little unless there was a corresponding list of the numbers on bills Rebozo received.

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