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A meeting with Haldeman

Documents On Milk Fund 'Coverup'

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Two former White House aides decided in 1971 to keep secret the expenditures from dairy industry contributions to the Nixon campaign, according to documents filed in U.S. District Court, the Chicago Tribune reported today.

The documents, The Tribune said, are transcripts of

a meeting between H. R. Haldeman, President Nixon's chief of staff, and White House counsel John Dean dated May 18, 1971, about two months after the administration increased milk price supports.

The transcripts were cited in a motion filed by attorneys for the Associated Milk Producers Inc. seeking to obtain more White House documents.

AMPI, which has been charged with antitrust violations by the Justice Department, contends Nixon fund raisers sought more campaign contributions in return for dropping the suit.

The Tribune said the transcript was turned over to the Senate Watergate committee by Dean.

These quotes from the transcript were reported:

'Dean and H agree . . . large expenditures and the activities of the milk money would remain nonreporting.'

'Dean: What about the milk money? Our current thinking is to keep it totally separate and not even use the same bank.'

'H: Agreed.'

The transcript, The Tribune said, concerned the "mechanics of reporting and not reporting for the 1701 activities."

The 1701 is believed to refer to the address of the Committee to Re-Elect the President.

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