

Ex-Nixon Aides Admit Interceding for a Dairy

Washington

Lawyers connected with President Nixon's re-election campaign confirmed yesterday that they contacted Attorney Generals John N. Mitchell and Richard G. Kleindienst to complain about an antitrust suit against a giant dairy cooperative.

But both said they sought no special favors, and were promised none.

The Justice Department is continuing to press the suit, which seeks to force the Associated Milk Producers Inc. to give up allegedly anti-competitive marketing practices in 14 Midwestern states.

Former White House aide Murray M. Chotiner said that he talked briefly to Mitchell about the matter at a cocktail party in February 1972, within weeks after the suit was filed.

Marion E. Harrison, who shares his law offices with Chotiner, said he contacted Kleindienst the following June, after Mitchell had become Mr. Nixon's campaign director.

Both Harrison and Choti-



MURRAY CHOTINER
Talked to Mitchell

ner said their recollections were hazy, but both said they believe they complained about the suddenness with which the department had brought the suit on Feb. 1, 1972.

Chotiner assisted briefly in collecting the donations, and later worked directly for Mr. Nixon's re-election effort, headquartered in the same building as his law office, 1701 Pennsylvania avenue, one block from the White House.

Another lawyer working out of Harrison's offices, Patrick J. Hillings, originally pledged \$2 million in dairy money to Mr. Nixon's re-election effort, a pledge which had been cut to \$1 million at the time of the antitrust suit.

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