

Nixon Aide's Secret Use of Grant Funds

Washington

Frederic V. Malek, key White House aide, said that he drafted and monitored a secret plan in 1972 to use multi-million-dollar federal grants where they would win votes for President Nixon's re-election.

According to documents before the Senate Watergate committee, Malek took credit in June 1972 for the program of "improving departmental responsiveness in support of the President's re-election," and for the following maneuvers.

- A grant for migrant workers in Texas was switched, at the request of Senator John Tower (Rep-Tex.) from an anti-administration group to one that was considered favorable to the Nixon campaign.

- A suit by the Equal Em-

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ployment Opportunities Commission against the University of Texas, alleging discrimination in faculty personnel policy, was quashed — also at the urging of Tower, himself a candidate for re-election in 1972. The suit, Malek wrote in a memorandum dated June 7, 1972, would have had "a serious negative impact in a key state."

- A Federal investigation was canceled and subpoenaed books were returned to a Philadelphia local of the Dock and Wharf Builders union — a turnabout that Malek described at the time as "very helpful to the administration in impacting on the blue collar vote."

Malek, a special assistant to President Nixon in 1972, is now deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget. Commenting yesterday on newspaper disclosures of his campaign memorandums, Malek insisted the "responsiveness" project was designed neither to buy votes nor to put improper political pressures on government agencies.

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