

Executives Advise Nixon to Tell More

Washington

A 16-man panel composed largely of business executives said yesterday that President Nixon should reveal details of his 1972 campaign funds and commit himself to more open government.

"Public cynicism concerning the conduct of the presidency is at an all-time high," the program committee of the business-oriented Committee of Economic Development said in a report.

William D. Eberle, the President's special trade representative, signed the report as a member of the panel. A spokesman said that Eberle had read the report, entitled "Restoring Confidence in the Political Process."

The Committee of Economic Development is a non-profit research organization composed of about 200 corporate and university executives. But the 16 members of the program committee said they spoke only for themselves, not the entire organization.

The panel, chaired by Philip M. Klutznick, chairman of the executive committee of the Urban Investment and Development Co., urged Mr. Nixon to take the lead in developing policies to correct flaws in the campaign financing system.

"We call on the President to make the fullest possible disclosure to the American people of the sources, uses and amounts of funds collected in connection with the presidential election of 1972," they said.

"We urge the President to make a major commitment to increase accountability in his administration through a more open government, one that encourage a free flow of information to the American people on the conduct of public business."

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It's Tough to Be a Watergate Juror

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The foreman of one of the federal grand juries probing Watergate and related matters has resigned, pleading financial hardship, and other members report feeling a pinch.

Julian G. Murphy said Friday his request to quit had been granted on the ground of financial difficulties with his private insurance business since he was named foreman by Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica last August.

"I thought I could run my business and serve on one of the most important juries in American history, but it proved to be impossible," Murphy said.

Margaret Henry resigned from the same grand jury,

saying she needs a full time job so she can attend George Washington Law School next fall.

The vacancies have been filled by two alternate jurors.

Vladimir N. Pregelj, foreman of the original Watergate grand jury, impaneled some 19 months ago, reported that two of its members have lost their jobs and that others have suffered hardships.

The standard pay for the grand jurors has been \$20 a day plus 10 cents a mile to and from their homes. Pregelj discovered a law allowing a judge to increase the daily pay to \$25 daily, and convinced Sirica to grant it for his colleagues.

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The panel said the public has "witnessed a dizzying revelation of scandal, corruption, and wrongdoing in very high places" and said the doubt and suspicion in the presidency must be erased.

Financing of congressional and senatorial campaigns abound with secrecy, the panel said, urging effective enforcement of disclosure regulations covering them as well. Enforcement is now weak, the panel said.

Among the many other recommendations to reform campaign financing were:

- Labor unions as well as corporations should be barred from making campaign contributions, along

with trade associations and business partnerships.

- The comptroller general should be put in exclusive charge of enforcing campaign disclosure regulations at the federal level. States should set up independent, separate offices to enforce state campaign contribution laws.

- The government, political parties and citizen groups should inform the public of tax incentive for campaign contributions.

- Congress should establish tougher codes of ethics, lessen reliance on the seniority system, and establish stronger control and more reporting of lobbying activities.

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