

# Another Contribution Traced to Rebozo



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**I**NDUSTRIALIST Howard Hughes' celebrated \$100,000 gift wasn't the only cash that Bebe Rebozo collected for President Nixon.

From sources who have been 100 per cent reliable in the past, we have now learned that other fat cats delivered cash for Mr. Nixon to his Florida friend.

No written receipts, apparently, were given. Our sources say the President usually would acknowledge the contributions by telephoning the donors and thanking them.

At this point, we have been able to isolate and identify only one of the cash contributions positively. This was a \$10,000 gift from the Davis brothers, who founded the Winn-Dixie Supermarket chain.

An intermediary, after checking with Rebozo, said he acknowledged accepting the \$10,000 from the Davises and collecting other cash contributions during the 1968 campaign. (J.E. Davis, the Winn-Dixie chairman, failed to return our calls.)

Our sources say Mr. Nixon used the cash as "walking around money" to pay his personal expenses. This is vigorously disputed by Rebozo who insisted, according to the intermediary, that the contributions were turned over to the campaign finance chairman Maurice Stans.

We were unable to reach Stans, although a source close to the fund-raising said there was no record of cash deliveries from Rebozo.

It is a matter of record, at least, that

the \$100,000 from Hughes was not delivered to Stans.

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**C**ONTRARY TO press speculation that Egil Krogh will implicate President Nixon in the crimes of the White House para-police Plumbers unit, Krogh has given the Watergate prosecutors a statement assuming personal responsibility, as chief Plumber, for the illegal activities.

Earlier, the prosecutors had thought Krogh could tie the President directly to the Plumbers' operations. They expected Krogh's statement, therefore, to be a blockbuster that would force the President to resign or face impeachment.

Their expectations were heightened by ex-White House counsel John Dean's sworn testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee about the break-in of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office.

"I asked (Krogh) if he had received his authorization to proceed with the burglary from (John) Ehrlichman," testified Dean. "Krogh responded that, no, he did not believe that Ehrlichman had been aware of the incident until shortly after it had occurred. Rather, he had received his orders right out of the Oval Office. I was so surprised to hear this that I said, 'You must be kidding'."

Sources with access to Krogh's sworn statement say he claimed Dean had misunderstood him. It was the orders setting up the Plumbers unit that came out of the Oval Office, not the orders for the Ellsberg break-in, Krogh explained.