

# Rebozo Said to Have Used Nixon Funds

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 29—Senate Watergate committee investigators have developed information that Charles G. Rebozo, President Nixon's close friend, may have converted Presidential campaign money to his personal use, according to well-placed committee officials.

Mr. Rebozo refused this week to turn over to the committee documents that the investigators believe would provide proof of the conversion.

Committee sources said their information had been obtained through a careful search of various financial records already in the committee's possession.

A ranking official on the committee said today, "I have no doubt that the records will clearly show that the money went from the [campaign] committee to Rebozo's personal account and that part of it was put to his personal use."

## Less Than \$5,000

Officials said the amount of money was probably less than \$5,000.

Mr. Rebozo could not be reached for comment today. His attorneys, William Frates and Alan Greer, did not return telephone calls.

The sources said they were not sure whether the money involved had been donated to Mr. Nixon's 1968 or 1972 campaigns, but they said there was clear evidence that transactions involving the money occurred as late as June, 1972.

Among the documents subpoenaed by the committee are records of a June 28, 1972 transfer of \$4,562.32 from the Thomas H. Wakefield special account No. 2-1691 to the Wakefield, Hewitt and Webster trust account No. 1-0673. Both accounts were in the Key Biscayne Bank and Trust Company, of which Mr. Rebozo is president.

Mr. Wakefield is a vice president of the bank and is the bank's attorney. Wakefield, Hewitt and Webster is his law firm. Repeated efforts to reach Mr. Wakefield today were unsuccessful.

## Key Biscayne Address

Another set of subpoenaed documents are those relating to the 1968 Florida Nixon for President Committee, which listed its address as 91 West McIntyre Street, Key Biscayne, Fla., which is the address of Mr. Rebozo's bank.

Mr. Rebozo has refused to release these documents to the committee, despite the subpoena. He contended, according to committee officials, that the records sought did not relate to the 1972 Presidential campaign and were, therefore, outside the committee's purview.

Committee sources said, however, that they believed the Florida campaign committee received a sum of money in 1969 that was intended as a campaign donation. All or part of the money, according to the sources, was placed in Mr. Rebozo's personal account and

was subsequently turned over to the Wakefield accounts.

Samuel Dash, the committee's chief counsel, acknowledged today that Mr. Rebozo had refused to comply with certain parts of the committee's subpoena, but he would not say which documents specifically were involved.

Mr. Dash said Mr. Rebozo's failure to answer the subpoena in full would be brought before the members of the committee at their next meeting, probably next week. He also said it was possible that the Senators would decide to issue another subpoena that would require Mr. Rebozo to deliver The Documents in person and that would subject him to a contempt-of-Congress citation if he refused to do so.

The committee voted last week to begin public hearings today on circumstances surrounding the \$100,000 contribution that agents of Howard R. Hughes, the billionaire recluse, gave to Mr. Rebozo. But the panel agreed Saturday to postpone further testimony until a jury had been selected in the New York trial of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans.

Thus, public committee sessions are unlikely to resume before the last week of February.

Mr. Rebozo had originally been scheduled to give sworn testimony in private to the committee's staff today, but Mr. Dash agreed yesterday to put off that testimony until shortly before the hearings resume.