

Watergate Unit Charges Ex-Aide of President Johnson With Perjury

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The first indictment stemming from Leon Jaworski's investigation into political campaign pledges by milk producers was handed up today in Federal District Court here.

One of the three Watergate grand juries charged Jake Jacobsen, a lawyer in Austin, Tex., with perjury. He was accused of having made a false declaration before it in connection with his role in handling some of the funds.

Mr. Jacobsen, 54 years old, is a former aide to President Johnson. He became a Democrat for Nixon during the 1972 campaign.

Meanwhile, attorneys for former Nixon Administration officials and others have reportedly been told by the office of Mr. Jaworski, the special Watergate prosecutor, that their clients will be indicted possibly as early as next Monday or Tuesday, in connection with the alleged cover-up of the Watergate burglary.

A source close to the special prosecution said of pending indictments:

"They're calling around. They've notified the people who are going to be indicted already."

But he declined, as did other knowledgeable sources, to dis-



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close the names of those who have been told that they can expect to be charged as a result of the nine-month-long investigation that began last May under Archibald Cox, the first Watergate prosecutor.

None of the lawyers representing Watergate figures who were reached by The New York Times, however, said that they or their clients had been given such information.

No Comment on Reports

In New York City, after three days of an arduous selection process, it appeared very likely that a jury would be chosen next week for the case of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans in Federal District Court. Both men are charged with conspir-

acy, obstruction of justice and perjury.

One lawyer in the Mitchell-Stans case who asked not to be named, said in Washington that he had been told that his client could "expect an answer, one way or the other" about his inclusion in new Watergate indictments by the time the New York jury is chosen.

James Doyle, a spokesman for Mr. Jaworski, Mr. Cox's successor, said he would have no comment on the reports.

Mr. Doyle noted, however, that he had said previously that the indictments would be held up until a jury had been chosen and sequestered in the Mitchell-Stans trial. Both men have been targets of the Watergate investigation here.

John J. Wilson, whose clients are H. R. Haldeman, Mr. Nixon's former chief of staff, and John D. Ehrlichman, the President's former domestic adviser, said in a telephone interview that he had received "no formal or informal notification."

Mr. Wilson added, however, that "indictments would not be unexpected on the part of our clients."

There were reports that Mr. Ehrlichman flew to Washington today from his home in Seattle, but the purpose of his trip was unknown.

In the 20 months that it has been sitting, the original Watergate panel has heard testimony from dozens of witnesses, but sources said today they expected perhaps as many as eight individuals would ultimately be indicted. The charge against Mr.

Jacobsen is punishable by a maximum of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The indictment surrounds the investigation into the raising of the milk price supports in March, 1971, "and the connection, if any, between that decision and funds pledged and paid by dairy interests to public officials or political organizations."

Within two months after the supports were raised, the indictment states, Mr. Jacobsen "had solicited and received \$10,000 from Associated Milk Producers, Inc." saying that the funds were "to be paid to a public official for his assistance in connection with the price support decision."

Mr. Jacobsen told the grand jury that the money lay untouched in a bank safe deposit box from mid-1971 to Nov. 27, 1973, when the box was opened in the presence of an F.B.I. agent.

The special prosecutor contends that this statement—that the money lay untouched—was the perjury. The "public official" involved was not identified.

Last year, sources at the Senate Watergate committee reported that former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally had received \$10,000 on one occasion and \$5,000 on another for aiding the milk industry with its problems.

Mr. Connally called it "categorical lies and incredible rumors." A spokesman for Mr. Connally said today that Mr. Connally had come to Mr. Connally in June or July of 1971 and Frank Sharp.

a told him that \$10,000 was earmarked for Mr. Connally to use "however he wanted to politically."

The told Jake he was a Democrat in a Republican Administration and stayed completely out of partisan politics. He didn't want to designate any Republican to get any money. He didn't want anything to do with it," the spokesman said.

Attempts were made to contact both Mr. Jacobsen and his Washington lawyer, Charles A. Monellis. Mr. Jacobsen's secretary said he was attending a "board meeting" and Mr. McNellis was reportedly on a plane to Los Angeles.

On Feb. 6, Mr. Jacobsen was indicted by a state grand jury on six counts of misapplication of funds of the First Savings and Loan Association, of San Antonio, of San Angelo, Tex. Also indicted was Ray Cowan, a former Austin, Tex., businessman now living in Nicaragua.

Mr. Jacobsen was also charged with one count of making a false statement to the Texas grand jury under oath.

In June, 1972, Mr. Jacobsen filed a petition for bankruptcy in San Antonio, Tex., citing suits against him by two other banks that were attempting to garnish his assets in 12 state and national banks in Texas.

Mr. Jacobsen had served earlier as an assistant to former Gov. and United States Senator Price Daniel, of Texas, and had been a figure in the investigation into the collapse of the Dallas financial empire of