

Nixon Aide Subpoena Delivered

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The lawyer for President Nixon's personal secretary yesterday accepted a subpoena requiring her to testify before the Senate select Watergate committee, ending a four-day effort by the committee to compel her appearance for questioning about a \$100,000 campaign contribution.

The subpoena for Rose Mary Woods was accepted yesterday by Charles S. Rhyne on behalf of his client after Rhyne had been rebuffed in his attempt to have the committee withdraw the subpoena.

In addition to Miss Woods, who is scheduled to be questioned under oath next Friday, the committee also is planning to hear testimony on Wednesday from President Nixon's friend, Charles G. (Bobe) Rebozo. Both Rebozo and Miss Woods have been interviewed by the committee's staff, but their testimony next week will be the first for them under oath.

The committee has been investigating a \$100,000 contribution delivered in two \$50,000 installments in 1970, from an emissary for billionaire Howard Hughes to Rebozo. Rebozo has told committee investigators that he kept untouched the money in a safe deposit box until last June when he returned it to Hughes through another emissary.

Rebozo has said that besides his lawyer, the only other person he told about the contribution was Miss Woods. He said he told her as a precaution in case something happened to him.

Although Rebozo has maintained that the money was intended as an early contribution for the 1972 Nixon re-election drive, two aides to Hughes at the time the donation was made have given accounts conflicting with Rebozo's.

Miss Woods was questioned for more than two hours on Feb. 20 by the committee staff concerning the transaction. In an apparent attempt to dissuade the committee from calling her again, Rhyne sent transcripts of the committee interview that he had had prepared to all seven committee members as well as chief counsel Samuel Dash and minority counsel Fred Thompson.

The transcript was obtained by columnist Jack Anderson and his associate Les Whitten and made available to The Washington Post by them.

Miss Woods, according to the transcript, said she "has never discussed any contributions with the President" and that Rebozo "knows me enough to know that I don't ever discuss things like that with the President."

In the course of the interview, Miss Woods told the committee staff that President Nixon "from time to time, for his own private, personal files does do some tapes. I have been in the Lincoln Sitting Room at times when he will remember something from a conversation and put on a dictabelt—such as Julie said this or that to me—those personal dictabelts are delivered to myself or Mrs. (Marjorie) Acke and put in an envelope. Maybe we get two or three at a time." Miss Woods said the personal dictabelts are stored without being transcribed, in the White House basement.

According to Miss Woods, Mr. Nixon "saves everything" and she listed place cards, menus and a Halloween mask left on his dinner plate by a steward at Camp David as items that were sent to be filed.