

Jacobsen Denies Committing Perjury in Watergate Testimony

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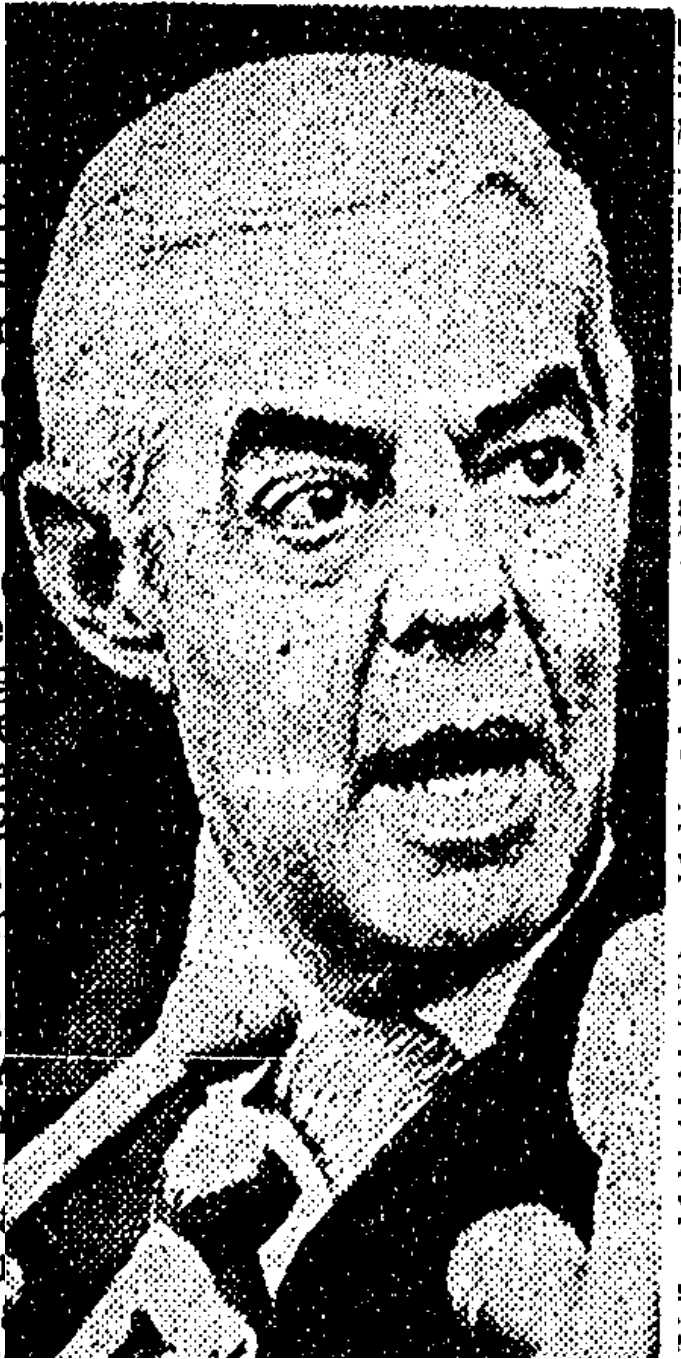
WASHINGTON, March 15— Jake Jacobsen, a former aide to President Johnson, pleaded not guilty today to perjury charges arising from his statements to a Watergate grand jury about milk producers' political funds.

Mr. Jacobsen, 54 years old of Austin, Tex., appeared briefly today before Judge George L. Hart Jr. in United States District Court. The gray-haired lawyer was indicted Feb. 2 on charges growing out of his dealings with officials of the Nixon Administration.

He was released in the custody of his lawyer, Charles McNelis. He declined to comment on the charges against him, which grew out of the Watergate special prosecutor's investigation of political donations by milk producers' organizations.

In a related Watergate matter, Chief Judge John J. Sirica's office said that the judge would rule Monday on disposition of a sealed grand jury report thought to bear on President Nixon's possible role in the Watergate cover-up.

On March 1, when a grand



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Jake Jacobsen after he pleaded not guilty to perjury charges.

case filed with papers returned indictments against seven men charged in the cover-up, it also delivered

an accompanying report. Justice "However he wanted Sirica has been weighing politically."

Whether to turn the report to the papers over to the House Judiciary Committee, which is studying possible impeachment.

Mr. Jacobsen's case is a separate one and involves \$10,000 that he "solicited and received from the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., according to an indictment.

The money was "to be deposited to a public official," who was named in the indictment "for his assistance in connection with the price support program."

On March 25, 1971, the House of Representatives passed a bill to raise price supports on milk. This followed pledges from milk producers of at least \$2-million to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

The price support move followed by heavy donations from milk producers, but according to reports made public, the donations fell far short—\$1-million.

A spokesman for the Treasury Secretary John Connally Jr. said that Mr. Jacobsen had approached Mr. Connally in June or July of 1971 and told him that \$10,000 had been set aside for him to

Texas indictment for statements that he made before a grand jury at Wichita Falls, Tex.

Judge Hart said today that he would delay the trial here until the completion of the court action in Texas.

An Apology to Barker

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—The Central Intelligence Agency said today that it had apologized on behalf of its former director, Richard Helms, for his testimony stating that Watergate figure, Bernard L. Barker had been dismissed because of involvement in gambling and other criminal associations.

C.I.A. officials said that Mr. Barker, convicted for the 1972 break-in of the Democratic National Committee headquarters, had left the agency in 1966 in good standing.

Mr. Helms, who is now the American Ambassador to Iran, made his statement about Mr. Barker in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Feb. 7.