

Rebozo Denies Shift Of Funds to Europe For the President

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WASHINGTON, March 20—Charles G. Rebozo denied “un- equivocally” today that he had ever transferred funds from his Florida bank to Switzerland or behalf of President Nixon, his close friend.

Emerging from a seven-hour interview with members of the Senate Watergate committee, Mr. Rebozo offered the denial in response to newsmen’s questions about a report today by Jack Anderson, the syndicated columnist.

According to Mr. Anderson, investigators for another Congressional committee have uncovered “mysterious” transfers of cash in 1970 and 1971 from the Key Biscayne Bank and Trust Company, which Mr. Rebozo heads, to other unnamed banks in Switzerland.

“It’s just about as accurate as most of the other things I’ve heard about him [Mr. Anderson] writing,” Mr. Rebozo said with a smile.

The Florida banker also declared that he was “positive” that Mr. Nixon would be ex-

onerated of any complicity in the Watergate case once the facts were fully known, and he said he felt that the President’s possible role in the matter “has been blown out of proportion.”

“You don’t try a person for murder if he’s entitled to a speeding ticket,” he said.

Mr. Rebozo declined to disclose the subject of questioning today, except to say that it got “to the meat of the coconut, as we say down in Key Biscayne,” and encompassed “just about everything I ever did in my life.”

The Watergate committee staff was believed, however, to have concentrated on Mr. Rebozo’s receipt of a \$100,000 cash payment from the Howard Hughes organization that purportedly was intended for Mr. Nixon’s 1972 re-election campaign.

Mr. Rebozo has said that he kept the cash in a safe deposit box in his bank for three years before returning it to a Hughes representative last June. The Watergate committee is attempting to learn whether the money was used for anything during that period and whether it was tied to a Justice Department ruling favorable to Mr. Hughes’s Las Vegas gambling interests.

Mr. Rebozo has been recalled by the committee for a second session tomorrow.

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Charles G. Rebozo, left, seen through doorway of Senate Watergate committee room. Others are his lawyer, William Frates, and Samuel Dash, top, committee counsel.