

## White House Accused

# Weicker Produces IRS Documents

## He Claims Abuse of Tax Agency

Washington

From the first days of the Nixon administration the White House made a total effort to use the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies to control its political and ideological opponents, Senator Lowell P. Weicker said yesterday.

Weicker made public a flood of memos, which he said showed the systematic abuse of the IRS, starting with the creation in 1969 of a secret task force to collect tax information on so-called activist groups.

Using another set of documents given the Senate Watergate Committee, the Connecticut Republican detailed what he said were 54 separate undercover investigations conducted for the White House by retired New York city detective Anthony T. Ulasewicz.

They included three separate and unsuccessful attempts to link Senator Edward Kennedy (Dem.-Mass.) to "wild parties" in California, Hawaii, and Arizona.

Testifying before a joint session of three Senate subcommittees investigating the extent of covert government intelligence operations, Weicker also produced documents indicating the White House had a strong interest in the tax problems encountered by presidential friends, evangelist Billy Graham and actor John Wayne.

Graham said last night,

"I have never requested any help from the White House on my tax audit. Secondly, I have never received any help."

"Everything my wife and I have, is in a trust in a bank," he said.

"They pay all my bills and make out my tax returns."

Wayne has sent a tele-

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gram to Weicker saying he never asked for, needed or received IRS favors.

Weicker advised Wayne in a telegram to take his complaints to the White House and said he was sending the actor the memos in which White House aides John W. Dean III and John Caulfield discussed his tax difficulties.

Weicker produced what he said was an IRS memo that showed that Ronald Reagan, now California's Republican governor, was assessed \$13,091 in taxes owed for the years 1962 through 1965.

The memo showed Wayne had been assessed \$237,331 in taxes owed in 1966 alone. Other years for which deficiency figures were given showed much smaller totals.

Specific comparison tax audit information also was supplied to the White House on entertainers Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Fred MacMurray, Peter Lawford, Jerry Lewis, Richard Boone, and on Lucille Ball and her husband, Gary Morton, the memos showed.

Weicker said the IRS memo on the formation of the special intelligence task force discussed various means by which the tax laws could be used to attack what it described variously as activist, ideological, radical, militant or subversive groups.

The memo, signed by D.O. Virain, added: "We do not want the news media to be alerted to what we are attempting to do or how we are operating because disclosure of such information might embarrass the administration . . ."

Weicker said that when the IRS intelligence operation was dismantled late in the summer of 1973—in the midst of Watergate disclosures in the Senate—it had collected intelligence dossiers on 10,000 individual taxpayers and organizations. He said the files contained 12,000 classified documents.

Weicker said 54 Ulasewicz investigations ranged from identifying the political contributors to a dozen or more senators to investigating the alleged harassment of Julie Eisenhower, the President's daughter, while she was working as a teacher in Florida.

According to the summary of the probes, Ulasewicz said he probed the backgrounds of Senators Hubert H. Humphrey (Dem.-Minn.) and Edmund Muskie (Dem.-Maine) "to see if there were any scandals or other skeletons" in their closets.

In Hadley, N.Y., Ulasewicz said he based his investigations on the kind of information any citizen could walk up and get any time. He said he did not investigate all the people Weicker says he did and he denied having any access to government records or information.

Other documents introduced by Weicker referred to:

- Spying by U.S. Army intelligence agents in West Berlin on members of a group called "Democrats for McGovern."

- A set of memos between



ANTHONY ULASEWICZ  
Undercover investigations

Dean and Caulfield detailing a plan to have the IRS audit the tax returns of Emile de Antonio, producer of the film "Millhouse."

- A White House memo from Charles W. Colson to Dean that former Florida Senator George Smathers asked for White House influence in December, 1971, to obtain the release from a federal prison of Miami businessman Calvin Kovens, who had been convicted in connection with the Teamsters pension fund scandal.

- A memo from White House aide David Wilson to Dean suggesting antitrust action against the Los Angeles Times.

Weicker said the suggestion came at a time when the White House was considering IRS audits of members of the investigative team of the Long Island newspaper, Newsday, which had produced a story about Nixon's relations with his friend, C. G. (Bebe) Rebozo.

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