

A firm denial by Connally on 'payoff'

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BANGOR (Maine) — Former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally said yesterday a published report quoting an informed source as saying he accepted \$10,000 from a dairy cooperative is not true.

Connally, speaking at a news conference prior to addressing a meeting of Maine Republicans, said he was offered a \$10,000 campaign contribution and turned it down. He described the offer as a "typical campaign contribution."

An informed source in Washington said Friday that Texas lawyer Jake Jacobsen, who worked for Asso-

ciated Milk Producers Inc., had notified Watergate prosecutors he would testify that Connally accepted \$5,000 in May 1971 and a second \$5,000 in March 1972.

The source reported that Jacobsen is prepared to state that Connally took the first contribution after helping dairymen get an increase in federal milk price supports and the second \$5,000 after telephoning Attorney General John N. Mitchell about an antitrust suit against Associated Milk Producers.

Jacobsen said Friday night he was very disturbed by the report, but would make no comment on it on his lawyer's advice.

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