

IRS Agrees to Give Watergate

Washington

The Internal Revenue Service, in an abrupt reversal, has agreed to provide the Senate Watergate committee with politically sensitive tax returns and other materials from its personal files on F. Donald Nixon and Charles G. Rebozo, well-placed sources

The agency's decision involving files of Donald Nixon, brother of President Nixon, and Rebo, the President's closest friend, was worked out Monday at a

meeting at the Capitol.

It was viewed as a significant victory for a team of committee investigators, headed by Terry F. Lenzner, that has been looking into a \$100,000 presidential campaign contribution given to Rebozo in 1969 and 1970 by Howard R. Hughes, the billionaire industrialist.

The sources said that Burke W. Willsey, a revenue official who represented Donald C. Alexander, commissioner of Internal Revenue, also agreed at the

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meeting to provide a wide variety of tax returns and other data that the committee deemed essential to its investigation.

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Among the key materials sought by Lenzner, the sources said, were the agency's so-called "sensitive" reports on Donald Nixon, Rebozo, the Hughes Tool Co., and Lawrence F. O'Brien, former chairman of the Democratic national committee.

Government sources cautioned yesterday that no IRS materials have yet been turned over to the committee. All that has happened, the sources said, was that the revenue service has

worked out mutually accepted guidelines for such release.

In a memorandum written last week, Lenzner asserted that the revenue service had been obstructing his inquiry for two months by refusing to provide tax data and investigative files on more than 30 individuals and corporations. In an April 15 letter to Willsey, the committee investigator charged that the agency's alleged delay "has damaged our ongoing investigation irreparably

and has created significant obstacles to a successful completion of the investigation."

In a brief telephone interview yesterday, Willsey took sharp exception to Lenzner's statement, and said that the revenue service's delay in turning over materials had been necessitated by a need "to make sure they can be retained in confidence" — an obvious allusion to recent newspaper accounts of the committee's findings.

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