

White House 'S List'

Washington

First, there was the White House "enemies list."

"Now, Watergate prosecutors are on the trail of a roster of people apparently even more in disfavor with the administration known as the "S List."

Former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans, President Nixon's chief fundraiser, was its author. Where it is now, no one professes to know.

Existence of the "S List" was first disclosed in court papers two weeks ago, described by special prosecutor Leon Jaworski as a listing of persons "who were solicited and refused to contribute" to Mr. Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.

In U.S. District Court yesterday, Jaworski assistant Thomas F. McBride said it also apparently includes names of those "who didn't contribute enough."

"Striving for delicacy, he added:

"The 'S' stands for -- er, what you might say in the current phrase -- for 'expletive deleted.'"

"You mean it's obscene?" asked Judge George L. Hart, peering over his glasses.

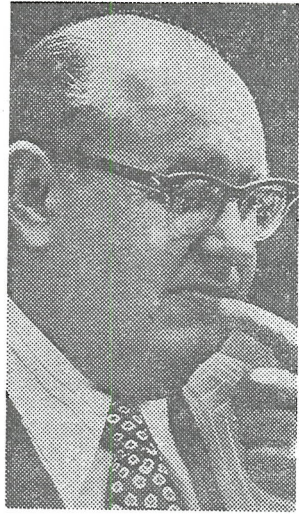
"Yes," said McBride.

Nothing of the sort, protested one of Stans' secretaries, Arden Chambers, on the witness stand a little while later.

"I would like to interject that I have never heard a dirty term or a nasty word used on connection with the 'S List,'" she said, telling reporters later it was just the prosecutor's "imagination."

Miss Chambers said the list is on a single page, double spaced, and has "about 20 names on it," although she hasn't seen it for a year or so.

May Elaine O'Gorman, another secretary, said she had once seen the list, too,



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Stans' attorney

and simply "filed it under 'S.'"

McBride has subpoenaed the mysterious "S List" and other documents from Stans as part of the continuing investigation into Mr. Nixon's campaign financing and whether big government jobs were promised to major contributors.

Stans' lawyer, Robert W. Barker, protested there is no "S List" to surrender. "I can't produce a list that doesn't exist," he said.

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