Nixon's Brothers

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President Nixon's two brothers appeared before staff investigators of the Senate Watergate committee yesterday and declined to answer some questions put to them, Senator Herman Talmadge (Dem - Ga.) reported.

The brothers, F. Donald Nixon and Edward Nixon, failed to appear at a second session, Talmadge said.

Their lawyer, Los Angeles attorney Elmer Stone, has filed a motion to quash a committee subpoena against them, Talmadge said.

"We're in full compliance with the subpoena," Stone said in telling reporters his clients have testified extensively on previous occasions.

Talmadge said he did not know if staff members will recommend that they be held in contempt.

The subpoenas for the Nixon brothers were issued in connection with a probe of money given by billionaire Howard Hughes to Charles Rebozo.

Earlier this year the committee reportedly received testimony from Herbert Kalmbach, the President's former personal attorney, linking the brothers to gifts allegedly made from a \$100,000 Hughes payment by Rebozo, the President's close personal friend.

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