

## Secret Program

# Report Accuses Nixon Aides of Job Power Plays

Washington

The Nixon administration used the federal bureaucracy for political profit and appears to have violated several criminal statutes in the process, according to a Senate Watergate committee staff report.

The 140-page draft report submitted to the committee membership for the senators' consideration was obtained yesterday by the Associated Press.

It contains a lengthy analysis of the planning and operations of the White House "Responsiveness Program," which was secretly set up in 1971 to take maximum advantage of the power of government agencies to help re-elect President Nixon.

Calling it "among the potentially most dangerous activities discovered" by the Watergate committee, the report said the program "appears no less than a concerted and concealed endeavor 'to politicize' the executive branch to ensure that the Administration remained in power."

"In fact," the report said, "the planning and implementation of the responsiveness plan may rise to the level of a conspiracy to interfere with the lawful functioning of government, conduct prosecutable . . . as a conspiracy to defraud the United States as that term has been interpreted by the Supreme Court."

Committee chief counsel Samuel Dash and assistant counsel James Hamilton, who drafted the report, recommended prosecution of a number of Nixon administration officials in connection with allegations contained in the report.

They did not name specific individuals in the recommendation, but former White House aide Fred Ma-

lek and several of his subordinates figured prominently in incidents recounted by the committee staff.

Malek's reports, many of which were burned before the election, generally were sent to then-White House chief of staff H. R. Halde-man or special presidential counsel Charles W. Colson.

The report said the White House and Committee for the Re-election of the President attempted to and often succeeded in using government-financed programs and agencies in support of the campaign.

Much of the "Responsiveness Program," the report said, concentrated on traditionally Democratic minorities including blacks, Spanish-speaking and the poor who were in a position to receive benefits from a variety of government programs.

But the plan also envisioned special government efforts to win support for Mr. Nixon by concentrating the efforts of the Veterans Administration and other agencies on political ventures.

Nixon campaign officials on the re-election committee staff reviewed and exercised some influence over at least \$60 million in federal grants to Spanish-speaking persons alone, the report said.

It also cited instances in which White House officials attempted to place Nixon supporters in government jobs that by law are open to all applicants on nonpartisan, competitive criteria.

In a number of cases investigated by the committee staff, the report said, White House pressure was resisted or rejected by career civil servants who insisted on following established law and departmental regulations.

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