

Nixon Is Blamed For 'Dirty Tricks'

Washington

A draft report for the Senate Select Watergate committee charged yesterday that President Nixon "must be held responsible and accountable" for a systematic campaign of "dirty tricks" against 1972 Democratic presidential hopefuls.

"This entire effort was coordinated by President Nixon's closest adviser, H.R. Haldeman, and the former attorney general of the U.S., John N. Mitchell," the report said.

"However, it is President Nixon who must be held responsible and accountable for the actions of his subordinates:

"Not only was he the candidate on behalf of whom these activities were undertaken, he also set the moral and ethical standards by which his re-election campaign operated."

The 350-page draft was another in a series of staff reports being submitted to senators on the committee, whose final report is due at the end of June. United Press gained access to a copy of the draft.

The report took up the alleged activities of Donald Segretti, the so-called "dirty trickster" who has already served a prison term for illegal distribution of campaign literature in the Florida primary; John J. Caulfield and Anthony Ulasewicz, White House operatives; incidents involving Senator Edward M. Kennedy; the suggested fire bombing of the Brookings Institute; the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., Dita Beard, its Washington lobbyist, and ITT's alleged donation for the 1972 Republican National Convention.

The report also discussed the use of the FBI, the Inter-

nal Revenue Service, the Secret Service and White House public relations efforts.

The draft quoted Mr. Nixon's remark to then-White House counsel John W. Dean III on Sept. 15, 1972 — the day the original Watergate indictments were handed down and when Dean said the President allegedly congratulated him for keeping the case outside the White House.

"We are all in it (the campaign) together," the report quoted Mr. Nixon as saying.

"This is a war. We take a few shots and it will be over. We will give them a few shots and it will be over. Don't worry. I wouldn't want to be on the other side right now. Would you?"

The draft listed seven far-reaching recommendations, ranging from making it illegal to enter a presidential campaign under false pretenses to protecting against "wholesale political investigations" by one presidential candidate, including an incumbent president, against another presidential candidate.

"The Democrats were left far behind the starting line in the general campaign race, in part because of the systematic campaign of illegal and unethical activity by the agents of the White House and the Committee to Re-Elect the President," the report said.

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