

# New Investigation Of Bebe Rebozo



— Jack Anderson

THE WATERGATE prosecutors have picked up the investigation of President Nixon's friend, Bebe Rebozo, where the Senate investigators left off. Prosecutors working on the case, say our sources, believe they already have enough evidence to seek an indictment.

The Joint Congressional Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, which investigated President Nixon's tax returns, may also start digging into Rebozo's financial dealings with the President. Chairman Wilbur Mills (Dem-Ark.) is considering an in-depth investigation.

Both Mills and the prosecutors are particularly interested in our report of May 28 that Rebozo paid some of the President's personal bills.

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WE TRACED an \$11,978.84 payment, for example, to a Florida firm for work on Mr. Nixon's Key Biscayne vacation home. We reported that Rebozo also paid for a swimming pool, pool table and architectural services for the President.

The Senate Watergate Committee in its closing hours confirmed that Rebozo had expended funds for the President, ranging from \$45,621 for improvements on the Key Biscayne properties to much of the \$5650 spent on birthday earrings for the First Lady.

The money to pay the President's expenses, the committee charged, had been

deposited in the form of \$100 bills in secret trust accounts. The circumstantial evidence suggested that Rebozo had used cash campaign contributions to pay the President's bills.

We reported on August 6, 1971, for example, that billionaire Howard Hughes had dispatched \$100,000 in \$100 bills to Rebozo for the President's use. The first \$50,000 bundle was turned over to Rebozo, to the best recollection of those who delivered it, in the summer of 1969. This coincides with Rebozo's expenditures in behalf of the President.

The Senate Watergate Committee sought to determine who was telling the truth about the disposition of Hughes' \$100,000 cash gift. Rebozo testified that he had left the money untouched in a safe deposit box. But other witnesses, including the President's former attorney Herbert Kalmbach, suggested the money had been distributed to the President's secretary Rose Mary Woods and to his brothers, Donald and Edward Nixon.

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PRESIDENT NIXON'S most aggressive defender, Rabbi Baruch Korff, is no stranger to controversy. In 1966, Rabbi Korff defended the John Birch Society against attacks by the Jewish Antidefamation League. But Rabbi Korff told us he has now had "second thoughts" about the Birchers, "because they want the President impeached."