

Jaworski Broadens Investiga

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The investigation of Charles G. (Bebe) Rebozo by Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski has been broadened to determine if Rebozo reported all his income for tax purposes, sources familiar with the probe say.

Jaworski's office has issued more than 100 subpoenas in the past two months to obtain records of firms and individuals who have had dealings with Rebozo, one source said, in order to determine Rebozo's sources of income and his expenditures.

The investigation initially focused on whether Rebozo or his close friend, former president Richard Nixon, had put to personal use political contributions received from billionaire Howard Hughes or Florida super-

market executive A. D. Davis.

The Senate Watergate committee had reported that at the time Rebozo spent \$45,977 in cash to improve and maintain Mr. Nixon's Key Biscayne home, Rebozo's records and testimony indicate the only funds available to him were \$150,000 in cash contributions he received from Hughes and Davis.

The committee also traced contributions left over from Mr. Nixon's 1968 presidential campaign to diamond earrings purchased for Mrs. Nixon.

To conceal these dealings, the committee said, the money was funneled through trust accounts set up in the name of Rebozo's lawyer, Thomas H. Wakefield, or of Wakefield's Miami law firm.

Jaworski began investigating these transactions to determine if Rebozo's handling of the funds had violated tax, bribery, or campaign financing laws, or if his testimony on the subject violated perjury laws.

The probe has since been expanded and deepened, the sources say, to develop a picture of all Rebozo's sources of income and of his expenditures.

The probe is being conducted in an unusually secret manner, one source said, because of the high degree of public interest generated by Mr. Nixon's friend and the extra difficulty investigators encounter when their moves are publicized.

Mr. Nixon himself appeared to be particularly sensitive about the special prosecutor's interest in Rebozo, the source said. Many

of Jaworski's staff members believe the decision to look into Rebozo's dealings precipitated Mr. Nixon's decision to fire Jaworski's predecessor, Archibald Cox.

At first, Jaworski's office even kept under wraps the fact that Paul R. Michel, former deputy district attorney of Philadelphia, had been hired to direct the Rebozo probe under the overall supervision of Thomas F. McBride, who heads the office's campaign contributions task force.

One source said the Rebozo investigation would be completed in the next six months.

The investigation, which is being conducted primarily by Internal Revenue Service agents, entails examining Rebozo's financial records and those of some of his associates and of Key Biscayne Bank, which he heads,

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the sources say. It also entails probing behind the records and checks to determine if they accurately portray the transactions, the sources say.

In the past, probes of Rebozo's finances have been hampered by his use of cash or his refusal to turn over records, investigators say. At the bank, for example, he pays the salaries of himself and of his employee's in cash, the Senate Watergate committee found.

The broadened Jaworski investigation is to determine if Rebozo under-reported his income for tax purposes, claimed improper deductions, or violated bribery laws, sources with knowledge of the probe say.

One area said to interest investigators is large cashier's checks issued by Rebozo's banks. So far, the investigators have been unable to

locate any record to show why the money was withdrawn or on whose account. If they continue to fail to find justification for the withdrawals, one source said, the development could mean money was being stolen or laundered through the bank.

The investigators are also seeking to determine if Rebozo has any undisclosed bank accounts in foreign countries and are looking into his relationship with Resorts International, Inc., which owns a gambling casino on Paradise Island in the Bahamas.

James M. Crosby, chairman of Resorts, is a friend of Rebozo and of Mr. Nixon and Rebozo's mutual friend, Robert H. Abplanalp, the Yonkers, N.Y., aerosol valve maker, a Resorts official acknowledged.

Rebozo, a friend of Mr.

Nixon since 1950, has shown up in many of the former President's financial transactions. It was funds from Rebozo and Abplanalp that enabled Mr. Nixon to buy his San Clemente home at highly favorable terms. At Rebozo's urging, Mr. Nixon entered Florida land deals that enriched him considerably.

Rebozo also fared well in his own businesses during Mr. Nixon's presidency, increasing his net worth from \$673,000 to \$4.5 million or nearly sevenfold, financial statements signed by him show.

Rebozo became drawn into the Watergate affair when Senate Watergate committee investigators turned up evidence that he had been handling cash contributions for Mr. Nixon. They also found there was

some question about what happened to the money.

The committee's staff later reported that testimony under oath by key participants to the largest contribution—\$100,000 from Hughes—conflicted on nearly every point. The participants could not agree, the committee staff report said, on who initiated the contribution, for what purpose, when or where it was delivered, and where the money went.

In addition to Rebozo, the participants included Richard Danner, who introduced Rebozo to Mr. Nixon in 1950; Robert Maheu, formerly a principal aide to Hughes; and Thomas Wakefield, Rebozo's lawyer.

Since the testimony was taken under oath, Jaworski has been seeking to determine if any of the individuals should be indicted for perjury.