

Use of Rebozo Funds



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ANTHONY ULASEWICZ
Leaving court yesterday

Hollywood Fire

Hollywood

Six fire units and a helicopter battled down a brush fire in the Hollywood Hills yesterday in the same area where a blaze Monday blackened 25 acres.

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Former White House special consultant Frederick C. LaRue testified yesterday he used half of \$50,000 he secured from President Nixon's friend Charles G. (Bebe) Rebozo to assist the original Watergate defendants.

"In fairness to Mr. Rebozo, did he know these funds had anything to do with the Watergate defendants?" assistant Watergate prosecutor Richard Ben-Veniste asked.

"No," LaRue testified.

LaRue and former New York policeman Anthony Ulasewicz testified during the 33rd day of the Watergate coverup trial about the hundreds of thousands of dollars paid to the original defendants after the June 17, 1972, Watergate arrests. Five of Mr. Nixon's former aides are on trial for conspiracy, and four of them also are charged with obstructing justice.

LaRue, who pleaded guilty in the Watergate coverup in June, 1973 — the first to do so — said he made a commitment early in 1972 for "help in a certain campaign."

Judge John J. Sirica refused to permit him to identify the campaign on grounds it was not an issue in this case.

Early in October, 1972, La-



FREDERICK LARUE
He delivered the money

Rue said, he got pressure from the campaign for assistance. He said former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, a coverup defendant, recommended that he contact Rebozo for help.

LaRue testified that he flew to Key Biscayne, Fla. on October 12, got a package with \$50,000 in it, and returned to Washington.

He said Mitchell told him to deliver \$25,000 to the campaign and to keep the remainder in his fund.

With William G. Hundley, Mitchell's lawyer, objecting frequently, Ben-Veniste was unable to get LaRue to testify that Mitchell told him to use the money for the Watergate defendants.

As Ben-Veniste pressed, LaRue said:

"He told me to keep it. I can only assume for one purpose. Mr. Mitchell knew I had funds, and from time to time those funds had been disbursed to the Watergate defendants."

LaRue testified that a short time later he delivered the remaining \$25,000 to William O. Bittman, attorney for Watergate defendant E. Howard Hunt Jr.

Talking in a clipped Bronx manner and eliciting laughter just as he had done at the Senate Watergate hearings, Ulasewicz, 55, spelled out at the Watergate coverup trial his role as a "mes-

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senger" and "delivery boy" in the weeks following the Watergate break-in.

He said that from late June until Sept. 19, 1972, he delivered \$217,000 to the defendants in the Watergate break-in trial. Most of it, he said, went to Mrs. E. Howard Hunt Jr., wife of one of the masterminds of the break-in at Democratic national headquarters.

Ulasewicz said that each time he placed the cash in an airline bag or a brown paper bag, put it in a locker at Washington National Airport, and taped the key in a prearranged phone booth. He said he observed the pickups from a short distance away.

Ulasewicz said Herbert W. Kalmbach, Mr. Nixon's personal lawyer, had contacted him June 28 or 29, 1972, less than two weeks after the Watergate bugging arrests. Kalmbach testified Tuesday of his activities in raising \$220,000 for the original Watergate defendants.

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