

NIXON AIDE GUILTY ON POLITICAL FUND

Ex-Staffer in White House
Is Linked to Kalmbach

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (UPI) —A former White House aide, Jack A. Gleason, pleaded guilty today to a misdemeanor in connection with a secret White House-controlled political fund designed to channel up to \$3-million to Republican Congressional candidates in the 1970 elections.

United States District Judge George Hart released Mr. Gleason, 38 years old, on his own recognizance pending a presentence investigation.

Judge Hart appeared to be prepared to sentence Mr. Gleason on the spot, but Assistant Prosecutor Charles Ruff convinced the judge that the circumstances surrounding the case were "complex enough" to require a hearing before sentencing. A spokesman for the special prosecutor's office said that a secret White-House committee apparently operated between Oct. 22, 1969, and Dec. 3, 1970, raising funds for selected G.O.P. candidates.

The spokesman said the operation apparently involved a fund-raiser—Richard M. Nixon's personal lawyer, Herbert W. Kalmbach, who has already pleaded guilty—an administrator and a political decision-maker.

Dent Linked to Case

Mr. Gleason was identified as the administrator who actually saw that the money was dispersed to the chosen candidates, but the decision-maker was not named.

The Washington Star-News said today that Harry S. Dent, former Nixon political adviser who is now counsel to the Republican National Committee, was reportedly negotiating with the special prosecutor's office on a similar guilty plea.

The prosecutor's office said the investigation of the political committee was continuing.

Mr. Gleason, who faces a maximum sentence of a \$1,000 fine and one year in prison, has agreed to testify as a government witness, the prosecution said.

The money, raised from wealthy Republican donors, was dispersed in cash and checks in crucial contests in Maryland, Tennessee, Florida, Indiana, North Dakota and elsewhere.