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A federal court has ordered the release of secret grand jury evidence to the San Diego district attorney for a new criminal investigation of C. Arnholt Smith, the financier whose banking and industrial empire collapsed in 1973.

U.S. District Judge Leland C. Neilsen ruled Monday that there was "a compelling necessity" to make the federal grand jury transcripts available to the district attorney to help determine whether to reopen the prosecution of the 76-year-old financier and long-time friend of former President Nixon.

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