

JAWORSKI SAYS HE CLEARED BUSH

Defends C.I.A. Nominee in
1970 Fund-Raising Issue

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HOUSTON, Nov. 7—George Bush was found to have had "no involvement" in illegal political fund-raising activities and was given a clean bill of health by the Watergate special prosecutor, said here today. Mr. Bush, investigated for having received funds from an illegal Republican committee, was nominated by President Ford this week to head the Central Intelligence Agency. He is currently serving as head of the United States mission in Peking.

In a speech today, Mr. Jaworski strongly defended Mr. Bush, saying: "I read that the Honorable George Bush, recently nominated to head the C.I.A. is being mentioned in news columns as being under suspicion and perhaps even accusation of having violating the campaign fund laws in years past.

"Well, it so happens that this was investigated by me

when I served as Watergate special prosecutor, and I found no involvement of Mr. Bush and gave him full clearance. I hope that, in the interest of fairness, the matter will not be bandied about unless something new appears on the horizon."

In his unsuccessful senatorial campaign against Lloyd Bentsen in 1970, Mr. Bush received \$106,000 from an illegal and unregistered committee set up under White House direction to channel money to about 100 candidates for the House and Senate whom President Nixon wanted to see elected, according to evidence given to the special prosecutor.

Recipients Not Charged

Of that amount, \$66,000 was reportedly channeled through legitimate committees to the Bush campaign and reported under campaign finance laws. But \$40,000 was wired on Oct. 16, 1970, to a Houston advertising agency employed by Mr. Bush, and was not reported, according to evidence submitted to the special prosecutor.

The dispensers of money from the fund, including Herbert W. Kalmbach, who was then President Nixon's personal attorney, were charged with campaign finance violations and pleaded guilty. However, none of the recipients of money from the fund were charged.

Mr. Jaworski spoke at a con-

vention of former agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He told the former agents that he had been urged to investigate the possibility that the C.I.A. and E. Howard Hunt Jr., a convicted Watergate conspirator and former C.I.A. agent and White House consultant, were involved in the assassination of President Kennedy after someone said they thought they had recognized Mr. Hunt in a photograph taken in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, when Mr. Kennedy was killed.

Mr. Jaworski said he had the photograph enlarged and that the man "did not even remotely resemble Howard Hunt."