

Informer's Testimony

Nixon and Secret Bank Accounts

Washington

An Internal Revenue Service informant once told a House subcommittee that he saw the name Richard Nixon on a list of secret accounts in a Bahamas bank, according to a transcript made available yesterday.

The testimony was taken Nov. 4, 1975, in a closed session of the House Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs.

The transcript included testi-

mony by IRS informant Norman Casper, who used the code name "TW-24." He told the panel he had been helping the IRS in its "Operation Tradewinds," probe of secret bank accounts and their possible use to avoid American taxes.

Casper said he saw a computer printout in late 1972 of the Castle Bank and Trust Co. in the Bahamas and believed it to be a list of bank account holders.

"I don't know how many Richard Nixons there are. I saw a name that said Richard Nixon ... This

was a printout that was folded over. When I reached down and leafed through that, some were upside down. Frankly, one of the first names I saw was the name of Richard Nixon," Casper said.

He said he found no confirmation that Mr. Nixon in fact had an account there, and "I thought perhaps somebody might be playing just little bit."

Mr. Nixon has repeatedly denied he had any foreign bank accounts.

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