

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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 3 IN RE: POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS :
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7 United States District Courthouse
8 3rd & Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

9 January 30, 1974

11 The testimony of HARRY R. HALDEMAN was taken in the
12 presence of a full quorum of the Grand Jury.

14 BEFORE:

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1 A Yes, there was some reference in that regard.

2 Q And that would be for the purpose of filtering
3 money from White House sources to the defendants?

4 A I believe that there was never a discussion of
5 filtering money from White House sources to defendants except
6 in a statement that I made which was that money to the defen-
7 dants could not be involved in White House sources.

8 Q Well, you knew that \$350,000 was being utilized as
9 a source for payment of these funds, did you not?

10 A Yes. I didn't consider that a White House source.
11 I considered that a campaign source that had been held for
12 White House use during a period and then was turned back to
13 the campaign committee.

14 Q At that time that it was utilized, the money was
15 under your control, was it not?

16 A No.

17 Q You authorized its transfer to Mr. LaRue?

18 A That's correct.

19 Q Knowing that it would be used to pay the defendants?

20 A I think not knowing, but knowing that there was a
21 problem that he was concerned about which was to provide these
22 funds for the defendants.

23 Q Mr. Haldeman, is there any question that you knew
24 that this money would be used to pay the defendants?

25 A Yes, in the sense that I had no personal knowledge

1 of what -- and I don't know that it was. In fact, I have
2 understood from the public testimony that it wasn't.

3 Q In other words, you weren't present at the time
4 that Mr. LaRue or one of his agents handed the money to a
5 particular defendant? That's true, of course.

6 A Yes.

7 Q No one is suggesting that you were present at
8 such an occasion.

9 A I understand that.

10 Q If that had been the case, then you could merely
11 have trotted down to wherever the defendants were and handed
12 them the money. That, of course, is not what we are talking
13 about.

14 We are talking about whether there was any other
15 understanding that you had in your mind, other than the fact
16 that this money would be utilized for payment to the defen-
17 dants.

18 A There was no understanding that it would be utiliz-
19 ed for any other purpose. There was no commitment that it
20 was being used for that purpose. The commitment was to put
21 the money back in the control of the place where I felt it
22 ought to be controlled which was the campaign committee, for
23 whatever purpose they saw fit.

24 As I say, it is my understanding from the public
25 testimony that it was in fact not all used for defendants.

1 Some if it, I understand from public testimony, was.

2 Q Was there any other understanding, other than the
3 fact that it was transferred for the purpose of being paid in
4 whole or in part as needed to the defendants?

5 A No. There was no other understanding. That's
6 correct. I have already said that.

7 Q Thank you. Now certainly you knew that the defen-
8 dants were being paid money prior to that time and that Dean
9 was having difficulties in getting the money together prior
10 to March 21st.

11 A Yes.

12 Q And indeed, you had conversations with Mr. Dean
13 about how long this would last, this demand for money. Isn't
14 that so, prior to March 21st?

15 A I don't know that I understood it as a demand for
16 money as contrasted to an assumed or presumed need for money
17 on the part of the committee for the defendants.

18 Q Well, you had conversations with Mr. Dean from
19 time to time, prior to the 21st, about what money would be
20 required and how long it would go on. Isn't that so?

21 A I don't know whether that was in the March 21st
22 meeting or before that meeting. The earlier questions, and
23 I am going back to 1972, were in the nature of the need for
24 additional funds on the part of the committee.

25 I don't recall then any discussion of how much was