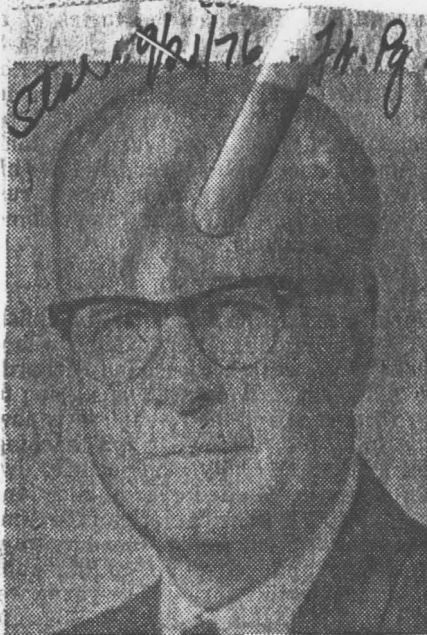


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WILLIAM G. WHYTE
Long a Ford friend

Ford Golf, U.S. Steel--- Lobby Gift?

By Leonard Curry and
Andrew M. Nibley
United Press International

The chief lobbyist for U.S. Steel said he personally paid for golfing weekends for Gerald R. Ford at a country club between 1964 and 1971 when the President was still a mem-

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(VACATIONS)

(BY LEONARD CURRY AND ANDREW NIBLEY)

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ADD 1 VACATIONS, WASHINGTON (UP-010)

WHYTE SAID THAT SINCE FORD'S VISITS TO THE LODGE WERE CONSIDERED PERSONAL GIFTS AND NOT CAMPAIGN DONATIONS, THEY WERE NOT INCLUDED IN AN INTERNAL COMPANY AUDIT THIS SUMMER ON IMPROPER PAYMENTS. HE SAID THE AUDIT LISTED ONLY ONE \$100 CONTRIBUTION BY A U.S. STEEL SUBSIDIARY.

U.S. STEEL SPOKESMEN IN PITTSBURGH AND WASHINGTON TOLD UPI, HOWEVER, THAT THEY COULD FIND NO RECORD OF ANY SUCH AUDIT. A CHECK AT THE SEC ALSO FAILED TO TURN UP THE REPORT.

AFTER FORMER U.S. STEEL EMPLOYEES SAID FORD WAS TREATED "FREQUENTLY" TO EXPENSE PAID VACATIONS AT PINE VALLEY, UPI PHONED THE NEW JERSEY LODGE IN JULY. A HOUSEMAN ANSWERED, SAYING "I WAS TOLD NOT TO TALK AND YOU'LL HAVE TO CALL WASHINGTON."

UPI THEN CONTACTED THE FIRM'S WASHINGTON PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE WHERE A SPOKESMAN SAID HE CALLED WHYTE FROM A MEETING IN PITTSBURGH TO ASK HIM ABOUT THE MATTER. THE SPOKESMAN CALLED BACK TO SAY THAT WHYTE RECALLED ONLY ONE FORD VISIT "ABOUT FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO".

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT MAY INVOLVE PRESIDENT FORD'S PAST CAMPAIGNS, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTED TODAY.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CHARLES RUFF HAS SUBPOENAED RECORDS FROM KENT COUNTY, MICH., REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS AND FROM A NEW YORK-BASED MARITIME UNION, THE MARITIME ENGINEERS BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION.

KENT COUNTY INCLUDES THE PRESIDENT'S HOMETOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS. THE UNION, ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER, WAS FORD'S BIGGEST FINANCIAL BACKER WHEN HE LAST RAN FOR CONGRESS FROM MICHIGAN IN 1972.

RUFF DECLINED COMMENT ON THE REPORT, BUT THE JOURNAL REPORTED THAT WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT ANY SUBPOENAS.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID IT DID NOT KNOW IF THE TWO SUBPOENAS ARE RELATED BUT REPORTED BOTH GOP OFFICIALS IN GRAND RAPIDS AND UNION SPOKESMEN CONFIRMED THE SUBPOENAS.

ADD 2 VACATIONS, WASHINGTON

WHYTE SAID HIS FIRM PAID "ROOM AND BOARD" FOR AT LEAST TWO VISITS BY FORD TO THE COMPANY'S COUNTRY CLUB LODGE IN NEW JERSEY WHEN FORD WAS A CONGRESSMAN.

IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW TODAY, WHYTE SAID HE HAD REFRESHED HIS MEMORY AND NOW RECALLED THAT U.S. STEEL PICKED UP THE TAB FOR FORD'S "ROOM AND BOARD" AT THE PINE VALLEY GOLF CLUB NEAR CLEMENTON, N.J.

"I PICKED UP CADDY FEES ON THE GREENS AND THINGS LIKE THAT," WHYTE SAID.

WHYTE ALSO CONFIRMED A REPORT THAT U.S. STEEL HAS A COMPLETE LISTING OF GUESTS WHO HAVE STAYED AT THE LODGE SINCE 1969. THOSE RECORDS, HE SAID, ARE KEPT IN A LIMESTONE MINE IN ANNANDALE, PA.

SEN. ROBERT GRIFFIN, R-MICH., TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THE FORDS AND WHITES "HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE FRIENDS FOR LONGER THAN I'VE KNOWN THEM."

"I COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH IT (THE TRIPS) UNLESS THERE'S SOME ALLEGATION THAT CORPORATE FUNDS WERE USED AND I UNDERSTAND THAT'S NOT THE CASE," GRIFFIN ADDED.

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FORD-GOLF

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WHYTE IS NOW A VICE PRESIDENT OF U.S. STEEL. HE COULD NOT BE REACHED IMMEDIATELY FOR COMMENT.

NESSEN WAS ASKED IF HIS STATEMENT WAS AN ADMISSION THAT FORD HAD ACCEPTED A FREE WEEKEND PAID FOR BY WHYTE. THE PRESS SECRETARY REPLIED, "YES."

NESSEN MADE THE STATEMENT AFTER COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON SAID WHYTE HOSTED FORD AT THE PINE VALLEY GOLF CLUB NEAR CLEMENTON, N.J., BETWEEN 1964 AND 1971 WHILE FORD WAS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ANDERSON SAID WHYTE CONCEDED THAT U.S. STEEL PAID FOR THE GOLF OUTINGS. WHYTE COULD NOT RECALL WHICH WEEKENDS WERE SPENT AT PINE VALLEY, THE COLUMNIST SAID ON ABC-TV'S "GOOD MORNING AMERICA."

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THE RULE DOES NOT CITE A SPECIFIC DOLLAR FIGURE CONSIDERED TO BE "SUBSTANTIAL." BUT A HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAYS IT ANSWERS HOUSE MEMBERS' QUERIES BY CITING THE STATE DEPARTMENT INTERPRETATION OF THE FOREIGN GIFTS AND DECLARATION ACT, WHICH PROHIBITS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FROM ACCEPTING GIFTS WITH A RETAIL VALUE OF MORE THAN \$50 FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

NEITHER NESSEN NOR ANDERSON SPECIFIED THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WHYTE SPENT TO ENTERTAIN FORD.

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ADD 2 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS, WASHINGTON
IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., THE GOP CHAIRMAN IN FORD'S OLD
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ROBERT ELEVELD, 5TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN, SAID THE
KENT COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE RECEIVED A FEDERAL SUBPOENA AND THE
DOCUMENTS DATING BACK TO 1964 WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FBI SHORTLY
AFTER THE PARTY'S CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY.

"THE SUBPOENAS REQUESTED A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS, FINANCIAL AND
OTHERWISE, FROM THE KENT COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE AND THE
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ON THE SUBPOENAS EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR OR EXACTLY WHAT
THEY WERE INVESTIGATING."

ELEVELD SAID THE FBI, THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE AND A NUMBER
OF OTHER FEDERAL INVESTIGATIVE BODIES LOOKED OVER THE SAME RECORDS IN
1973 AND IN 1974 WHEN FORD WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE VICE
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

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(POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE WHITE HOUSE HAS RECEIVED NO INDICATION
THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS INVOLVED IN A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO HIS
HOME COUNTY'S REPUBLICAN PARTY CAMPAIGN FUNDS, PRESS SECRETARY RON
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"THERE IS NO SUGGESTION IN ANY WAY THAT IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH
THE PRESIDENT," NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS. "WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE NO
INDICATION THAT THE PRESIDENT IS INVOLVED IN ANY INVESTIGATION."

NESSEN REPEATEDLY REFERRED REPORTERS TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY
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ASKED IF THE REPORTS WOULD AFFECT FORD'S ELECTION, NESSEN SAID, "I
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THE REPORTS.

NESSEN SAID HE CHECKED WITH WHITE HOUSE PHILIP BUCHEN "TO GET THE
FACTS TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS."

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REPEATING :

(VACATIONS)

(BY LEONARD CURRY AND ANDREW NIBLEY)

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CARTER-PLAYBOY
BY JOHN CHADWICK

WASHINGTON (AP) -- ACTING SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER ROBERT C. BYRD SAID TODAY HE WISHED JIMMY CARTER'S INTERVIEW WITH PLAYBOY MAGAZINE "HAD NOT OCCURRED."

"OH, I DON'T THINK IT'S TERMINAL BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION," BYRD SAID OF CARTER'S REMARKS ON SEX AND SIN IN THE MAGAZINE. BUT HE ADDED: "I DON'T THINK THIS PARTICULAR INTERVIEW SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THIS PARTICULAR PUBLICATION. THERE WAS NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY IT."

"MANY, IF NOT ALL, OF THESE PRE-DEBATE COMMENTS COULD BE WIPED OUT BY THE DEBATES," BYRD SAID, REFERRING TO THE FORD-CARTER CONFRONTATION SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY NIGHT IN PHILADELPHIA.

WHEN ASKED FOR HIS REACTION TO THE CARTER INTERVIEW, BYRD'S REPUBLICAN COUNTERPART, SEN. HUGH SCOTT OF PENNSYLVANIA, QUIPPED: "I THINK A FLUFF A DAY MAKES PLENTY OF HAY."

~~WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN, RESPONDING TO THE REMARKS, QUOTED THE PRESIDENT AS SAYING, "I'VE BEEN A FRIEND OF BILL WHYTE FOR 28 YEARS. I'VE BEEN THERE TWICE AS HIS FRIEND TO PLAY GOLF."~~

SCOTT SAID CARTER "HAS CHOSEN A RATHER EXOTIC SPRINGBOARD FOR HIS CANDID VIEWS OF MORALITY WHICH WILL PROBABLY GAIN HIM SOME SYMPATHY AMONG THE ULTRA TOLERANT AND SHOCK THE GENERALITY OF THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY."

SCOTT SAID THAT, IN ADDITION TO A QUESTION OF CARTER'S CREDIBILITY ON TAXES, "HE IS TAXING CREDIBILITY IN THE PLAYBOY ARTICLE. WHEN HE SAYS WHAT HE REALLY THINKS, HE COMES OUT PRETTY SCARY."

IN ONE EXCERPT FROM THE LENGTHY INTERVIEW TO BE PUBLISHED IN PLAYBOY'S NOVEMBER ISSUE, CARTER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING:

"I'VE LOOKED ON A LOT OF WOMEN WITH LUST. I'VE COMMITTED ADULTERY IN MY HEART MANY TIMES. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT GOD RECOGNIZES I WILL DO -- AND I HAVE DONE IT -- AND GOD FORGIVES ME FOR IT. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I CONDEMN SOMEONE WHO NOT ONLY LOOKS ON A WOMAN WITH LUST BUT WHO LEAVES HIS WIFE AND SHACKS UP WITH SOMEBODY OUT OF WEDLOCK."

A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN, MEANWHILE, CRITICIZED HIS PARTY'S FLAGBEARER FOR ANOTHER SECTION OF THE INTERVIEW IN WHICH CARTER LUMPED FORMER PRESIDENTS LYNDON B. JOHNSON AND RICHARD M. NIXON TOGETHER.

THE MAGAZINE QUOTED CARTER AS SAYING THAT BECAUSE OF HIS RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, "I DON'T THINK I WOULD EVER TAKE ON THE SAME FRAME OF MIND THAT NIXON OR JOHNSON DID -- LYING, CHEATING AND DISTORTING THE TRUTH."

REP. JIM WRIGHT, D-TEXAS, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT CARTER WAS QUOTED AS INVEIGHING AGAINST BEING SMUG OR SELF-RIGHTEOUS, "AND THEN HE PUTS LYNDON JOHNSON IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS RICHARD NIXON IN LYING AND CHEATING. NOW HE'S GOT TO STRAIGHTEN THAT OUT WITH MY FOLKS IN TEXAS."

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LEGISLATION WAS NEVER DISCUSSED ON THE LINKS BECAUSE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN EMBARRASSING, ANDERSON QUOTED WHYTE AS SAYING.

ANDERSON SAID WHYTE DESCRIBED THE PINE VALLEY GOLF COURSE AS ONE OF THE ROUGHEST IN THE COUNTRY AND THOUGHT FORD WOULD ENJOY THE CHALLENGE. IT IS COMMON FOR MEMBERS OF COUNTRY CLUBS WITH DIFFICULT COURSES TO INVITE FRIENDS TO PLAY THERE.

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WASH- ADD FORD-GOLF (N102)

WHYTE IS NOW A VICE PRESIDENT OF U.S. STEEL. REACHED BY TELEPHONE AT HIS OFFICE IN PITTSBURGH, WHYTE SAID: "THE FORDS AND THE WHYTES HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS.

"OUR FAMILIES ARE CLOSE. BETTY IS A GOOD FRIEND OF MY WIFE, PEGGY. THE FORDS HAVE BEEN ENTERTAINED AT OUR HOME MANY TIMES AND WE'VE BEEN ENTERTAINED IN THEIRS."

WHYTE SAID HE AND HIS WIFE "WERE ENTERTAINED BY THE FORDS THE NIGHT HE WAS SWORN IN. . . ."

ASKED IF HE THOUGHT HE'D DONE ANYTHING WRONG OR UNETHICAL, WHYTE REPLIED: "NOPE, I DO NOT."

"WE'VE BEEN PLAYING GOLF FOR MANY YEARS," WHYTE SAID. "I JUST PLAYED WITH HIM THREE WEEKS AGO AT BURNING TREE (A COUNTRY CLUB IN THE WASHINGTON AREA). WE SHARED CADDIES. WE'RE BOTH MEMBERS, AND HE PAYS HIS OWN DUES JUST LIKE I DO. HE'S A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER, AND I'M A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER."

ON THE TWO OCCASIONS IN NEW JERSEY WHEN WHYTE RECALLS THAT U.S. STEEL PICKED UP THE TAB, HE SAID FORD STAYED IN THE COMPANY LODGE USED FOR CUSTOMER ENTERTAINMENT. WHYTE SAID TOTAL EXPENSES COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE THAN ABOUT \$75 EACH TIME, IF LODGING WAS INCLUDED.

"I WON'T SWEAR ON A STACK OF BIBLES THAT THERE WEREN'T MORE THAN TWO TIMES, BUT I DON'T RECALL ANOTHER ONE," WHYTE SAID.

ASKED IF HE WOULD INVITE FORD TO STAY AT A COMPANY LODGE TO PLAY GOLF AGAIN TODAY, WHYTE REPLIED, "NO." ASKED WHY, THE U.S. STEEL OFFICIAL REPLIED: "THE CLIMATE IN WASHINGTON HAS CERTAINLY CHANGED."

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(FORD RECORDS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THERE IS NO INDICATION PRESIDENT FORD IS INVOLVED IN A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF CAMPAIGN FUND PRACTICES IN THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT HE REPRESENTED IN CONGRESS, PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID TUESDAY.

IN GRAND RAPIDS, 5TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN ROBERT ELEVELD SAID CAMPAIGN DOCUMENTS DATING BACK TO 1964 WERE TURNED OVER TO WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CHARLES H. RUFF UNDER A SUBPOENA ISSUED SHORTLY AFTER THE GOP NATIONAL CONVENTION LAST MONTH.

ASKED ABOUT THE INQUIRY AT A WHITE HOUSE NEWS BRIEFING, NESSEN SAID: "THERE IS NO SUGGESTION IN ANY WAY THAT IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE PRESIDENT. WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE NO INDICATION THAT THE PRESIDENT IS INVOLVED IN ANY INVESTIGATION."

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, REPORTING THE SUBPOENA OF THE 5TH DISTRICT RECORDS, ALSO SAID RUFF HAS SUBPOENAED RECORDS OF A MARITIME UNION BASED IN NEW YORK AND BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO FORD'S LAST CONGRESSIONAL RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN 1972.

REGARDING THOSE REPORTS, NESSEN REFERRED QUESTIONERS TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION OF FORD AFTER RICHARD NIXON NOMINATED HIM IN 1973 TO BE VICE PRESIDENT.

NESSEN, SAYING THE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATED THOSE MATTERS AND FOUND NOTHING AMISS, COMMENTED: "THE FACTS ASSEMBLED HERE BY THE WALL STREET JOURNAL ARE NOT PARTICULARLY NEW."

ASKED IF THE INVESTIGATION MIGHT AFFECT FORD'S ELECTION CHANCES, NESSEN SAID, "I DON'T SEE HOW."

PRESSED TO SAY FLATLY THAT FORD HAD DONE NOTHING WRONG, NESSEN SAID "I DON'T THINK I HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROVE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS NOT UNDER INVESTIGATION."

NESSEN SAID HE HAD CHECKED WITH WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL PHILIP BUCHEN, A LONGTIME AIDE TO FORD, "TO GET THE FACTS TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS." AS FOR FORD'S REACTION TO THE INVESTIGATION REPORTS, NESSEN SAID, "HE DIDN'T APPEAR TO BE PARTICULARLY DISTURBED."

ELEVELD SAID IN GRAND RAPIDS THAT AMONG THE ITEMS SUBPOENAED WERE RECORDS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR FIVE OF FORD'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND ALL OTHER KENT COUNTY GOP CANDIDATES INVOLVED IN THOSE RACES.

HE SAID "THERE WAS NO INDICATION ON THE SUBPOENA EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR OR EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE INVESTIGATING."

PAUL HENRY, KENT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN, SAID THE FBI, THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE AND OTHER FEDERAL INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES "LOOKED AT THE SAME DOCUMENTS QUITE THOROUGHLY" WHEN FORD WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

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(VACATION-THOMPSON)
(BY RICHARD LERNER)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JAMES THOMPSON, A FORMER CRUSADING U.S. ATTORNEY, TUESDAY STAUNCHLY DEFENDED PRESIDENT FORD'S ACCEPTANCE OF TWO GOLFING WEEKENDS AS THE GUEST OF UNITED STATES STEEL WHEN HE WAS IN CONGRESS.

"I'M NOT SHOCKED," HE TOLD REPORTERS OUTSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE AFTER A MEETING WITH FORD. "I THINK I KNOW JERRY FORD. THERE AIN'T NOBODY BUYING JERRY FORD FOR \$200, \$2,000 OR \$200,000 AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED."

THOMPSON WAS ASKED TO COMMENT AFTER THE WHITE HOUSE CONFIRMED THAT FORD IN 1964 AND 1971 WENT TO THE PINE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB IN NEW JERSEY WITH WILLIAM WHYTE, AN OLD FRIEND AND CHIEF WASHINGTON LOBBYIST FOR U.S. STEEL. WHYTE HAS SAID THE CORPORATION PAID THE BILL FOR THE TWO OUTINGS.

THOMPSON GAVE NO INDICATION HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH FORD. HE SAID HE CAME TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO TALK ABOUT ILLINOIS POLITICS, THAT FORD MADE CLEAR HE WOULD CAMPAIGN IN THE STATE "AT LEAST TWICE," AND "I THINK THE PRESIDENT CAN CARRY THIS STATE" IF HE DOES THAT.

THOMPSON, WHO WON THE GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION AFTER SERVING AS U.S. ATTORNEY AND PROSECUTING MANY MEMBERS OF CHICAGO MAYOR RICHARD DALEY'S DEMOCRATIC MACHINE, SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY FORD'S ACQUAINTANCE WITH WHYTE AND THE VACATIONS THEY TOOK AT U.S. STEEL'S EXPENSE.

"I DON'T SEE ANYTHING ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ABOUT IT, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE LONG-TIME FRIENDS," HE SAID. "THESE ARE MATTERS OF INDIVIDUAL DISCRETION. EVERYBODY IN PUBLIC LIFE HAS TO AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER MAKE MANY OF THOSE DECISIONS."

"UNLESS YOU COMPELETELY CUT YOURSELF OFF FROM ALL YOUR PRIOR FRIENDSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS AND ARE WILLING TO GO BEHIND THE 12-FOOT WALLS OF A MONASTERY, AT SOME POINT YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO ACCEPT HOSPITALITY FROM PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE SOME ASSOCIATION WITH GOVERNMENT."

"EVERYBODY IN PUBLIC LIFE FACES THAT DILEMMA BECAUSE THERE ARE FEW PEOPLE THESE DAYS WHO DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH GOVERNMENT," THOMPSON SAID.

"SO LONG AS A MAN'S OWN CONSCIENCE IS CLEAR, SO LONG AS WHAT HE DOES IS NOT ON THE SURFACE CLEARLY APPARENTLY WRONG TO EVERYBODY, SO LONG AS THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT CAN BE FOUND TO SHOW A QUID-PRO-QUO, THEN I THINK MATTERS LIKE THAT ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY UNAVIDABLE."

"THERE'S REALLY NO WAY TO DRAW A LINE UNLESS YOU DRAW A LINE, LET'S SAY, IN TERMS OF A \$3 PRESENT AND NOTHING ABOVE IT."

SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT FORD'S VISITS TO THE COUNTRY CLUB, THOMPSON SAID: "OH, HELL, I'VE BEEN THE GUEST OF A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THEIR COUNTRY CLUBS BECAUSE I DON'T BELONG TO ONE."

ASKED IF THOSE WERE PEOPLE DEALING WITH THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, "OH, SURE."

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His Probe of Ford Gave No Cause to Act—Jaworski

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NEW YORK (AP) — Former Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski says he found no cause for action in his investigation into maritime union contributions to Gerald Ford's congressional campaigns.

Ruff has subpoenaed records of the Seafarers International Union and is reportedly is checking allegations that contributions from that union and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association during Ford's congres-

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(FORD VACATIONS)

(BY RICHARD LERNER)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD PLAYED GOLF AS THE GUEST OF AT LEAST FOUR CORPORATIONS DURING HIS CAREER IN CONGRESS BUT STOPPED THE PRACTICE WHEN HE BECAME VICE PRESIDENT, HIS CHIEF SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID FORD DECLINED FURTHER CORPORATE HOSPITALITY AS VICE PRESIDENT EVEN THOUGH HE SAW NOTHING WRONG AND STILL FEELS HE HAS "LIVED UP TO THE SPIRIT" OF A CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS CODE PASSED IN 1968.

NESSEN SAID HE HAD NO DETAILS OF THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BUT INDICATED THAT THE OUTINGS WERE NOT IN THE WASHINGTON AREA.

ACCORDING TO NESSEN, FORD, WHILE A CONGRESSMAN, PLAYED GOLF AT THE EXPENSE OF THE BETHLEHEM STEEL CO., THE ALUMINUM CORP. OF AMERICA AND THE FIRESTONE RUBBER CORP. IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED OUTINGS PAID FOR BY UNITED STATES STEEL CORP.

U.S. STEEL'S CHIEF LOBBYIST, WILLIAM WHYTE, SAID LAST WEEK HE PAID FOR FORD TRIPS TO HIS FIRM'S LODGE AT PINE VALLEY GOLF CLUB IN NEW JERSEY IN 1964, 1969 AND 1973. THE WHITE HOUSE SAID FORD WAS WHYTE'S GUEST FOR WEEKENDS IN 1964 AND 1971.

WHYTE ALSO CONFIRMED REPORTS HE HAD PAID FOR TWO FORD STAYS AT U.S. STEEL LODGINGS NEAR DISNEY WORLD IN 1972 AND 1974. THE WHITE HOUSE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THOSE TRIPS.

NESSEN SAID THAT "AS AN AVID GOLFER, THE PRESIDENT OVER THE YEARS HAS ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO PLAY WITH FRIENDS AT DIFFERENT CLUBS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND HAS INVITED FRIENDS TO PLAY AT HIS CLUB," THE BURNING TREE COURSE IN SUBURBAN BETHESDA, MD.

BUT NESSEN SAID THE EXCHANGE OF HOSPITALITY STRETCHED BACK OVER FORD'S LONG SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND "IT IS TRULY DIFFICULT TO GO BACK 26 YEARS AND RECONSTRUCT EACH AND EVERY GOLF GAME."

HE SAID "THERE ARE NO RECORDS" READILY AVAILABLE AND THAT "THE PRESIDENT CAN'T JUST COME FORTH AND SAY, BEGINNING IN 1948, 'I PLAYED HERE AND HERE AND HERE.'"

ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY SOURCES HAVE SAID THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IS INVESTIGATING HOSPITALITY U.S. STEEL OFFERED TO FORD AND OTHERS IN CONGRESS, NESSEN SAID THE SEC HAD NOT "TO MY KNOWLEDGE" CONTACTED THE PRESIDENT FOR ITS INQUIRY.

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MONDALE

BY JAMES GERSTENZANG

CLEVELAND, OHIO (AP) -- SEN. WALTER F. MONDALE SAID TODAY PRESIDENT FORD WAS AVOIDING ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT PROBES OF HIS CAMPAIGN FINANCES AND GOLFING WEEKENDS IN WHICH HE WAS THE GUEST OF A U.S. STEEL LOBBYIST.

THE DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AT FIRST DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE INVESTIGATIONS AT AN AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE HERE. BUT WHEN ASKED BY A REPORTER IF HE THOUGHT FORD WAS DUCKING REPORTERS' QUESTIONS, THE SENATOR SAID: "I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION ABOUT IT."

THE WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE REPORTEDLY HAS REOPENED AN INVESTIGATION INTO CAMPAIGN FINANCE CONTRIBUTIONS IN KENT COUNTY, MICH., DURING THE TIME THAT FORD SERVED AS A CONGRESSMAN FROM THAT AREA.

THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, AT THE SAME TIME, IS LOOKING INTO U.S. STEEL'S ENTERTAINMENT OF FORD AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT COMPANY-OWNED FACILITIES, ACCORDING TO COMPANY SPOKESMEN.

WHEN FIRST ASKED ABOUT THE SUBJECT, MONDALE SAID, "I DON'T THINK I SHOULD BE COMMENTING ON THAT UNTIL I'M PERSONALLY SURE WHAT THE SITUATION IS. THOSE QUESTIONS SHOULDN'T BE PUT TO ME. THEY SHOULD BE PUT TO THE PERSON IN THE WHITE HOUSE. I AM TOLD THE PRESIDENT IS UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT."

MONDALE SPOKE AT THE START OF A THREE-DAY TRIP TO OHIO, WISCONSIN AND PENNSYLVANIA.

HE WAS TO ATTEND A LUNCHEON WITH BLACK BUSINESS LEADERS IN CLEVELAND, A MEETING WITH DEMOCRATIC MAYORS OF CLEVELAND SUBURBS AND A RECEPTION AND DINNER IN TOLEDO.

THE SENATOR, IN HIS AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE, SAID THERE WAS "NO QUESTION" THAT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAD FAILED TO DEAL WITH "THE DRAMATIC RISING RATE OF CRIME."

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RUFF

WASHINGTON (AP) -- FOR A YEAR, CHARLES F. C. RUFF HAS HELD THE JOB THAT ONCE BELONGED TO ARCHIBALD COX AND LEON JAWORSKI, THAT OF SPECIAL WATERGATE PROSECUTOR. BUT FEW AMERICANS KNEW OR CARED THAT THE OFFICE STILL EXISTED.

NOW, IN THE HEAT OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, THE SPECIAL WATERGATE PROSECUTION FORCE IS BEING MENTIONED AGAIN -- IN REPORTS THAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO GERALD R. FORD'S CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGNS ARE BEING RE-INVESTIGATED.

UNDER RUFF, WHOSE IMMEDIATE PREDECESSOR WAS HENRY S. RUTH, THE OFFICE HAS SIMMERED ALONG WITH A THREE-LAWYER STAFF AND A NUMBER OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS CASES, THE BEST KNOWN OF WHICH WAS MONEY FUNNELED TO POLITICIANS BY GULF OIL.

RUFF, WHO TEACHES CONTRACTS AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURES COURSES AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WORKS AT THE OFFICE ONLY PART-TIME, ALLOWING THE TWO OTHER LAWYERS TO CARRY THE LOAD.

THEY ARE STILL INVESTIGATING GULF OIL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER CASES IN THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AREA. NO ONE AT THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE WILL CONFIRM IT, BUT THE OTHERS ARE SAID TO INCLUDE A LOOK AT RECORDS OF THE KENT COUNTY, MICH., REPUBLICAN PARTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER FORD ILLEGALLY DIVERTED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS OWN PERSONAL USE BY "LAUNDERING" THE MONEY THROUGH THE LOCAL GOP ORGANIZATION.

JAWORSKI SAID MONDAY THAT RUFF "IS A CONSCIENTIOUS MAN." JAWORSKI ALSO SAID HE HAD "NO IDEA WHAT CHUCK HAS OR WHAT HIS PURPOSE IS" IN THE FORD MATTER. JAWORSKI SAID HE HAD FOUND NO CAUSE OF ACTION IN HIS OWN INVESTIGATION INTO MARITIME UNION CONTRIBUTIONS TO FORD'S HOUSE CAMPAIGNS.

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FORD PROBE

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD'S SPECIAL COUNSEL SAYS THE TIMING OF THE WATERGATE PROSECUTOR'S REPORTED INVESTIGATION INTO UNION POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS ALLEGEDLY DIVERTED TO FORD'S PERSONAL USE WHILE FORD WAS A CONGRESSMAN IS "DEPLORABLE" BECAUSE IT COMES LITTLE MORE THAN A MONTH BEFORE THE ELECTION.

PHILIP BUCHEN, SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT AND HIS FORMER LAW PARTNER, ALSO SAID THE RECORDS UNDER STUDY BY THE PROSECUTOR "ARE THE SAME ONES WHICH WERE EXAMINED THOROUGHLY IN 1973 BY 350 AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION."

CHARLES RUFF, THE WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, REPORTEDLY HAS SUBPOENAED RECORDS OF THE SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION. RUFF IS REPORTEDLY PROBING REPORTS THAT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE UNION AND FROM THE MARITIME ENGINEERS BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION WERE DIVERTED TO FORD'S PERSONAL USE -- WHILE HE WAS A CONGRESSMAN -- AFTER PASSING THROUGH REPUBLICAN COMMITTEES IN HIS HOME DISTRICT.

OFFICIALS OF THE MARITIME ENGINEERS CONFIRMED THAT THEIR RECORDS WERE SUBPOENED, BUT RUFF HAS NOT CONFIRMED THAT ANY SUBPOENAS WERE ISSUED.

BUCHEN SAID HE IS CERTAIN THE PRESIDENT IS NOT UNDER INVESTIGATION SINCE "HIS CAMPAIGN FINANCES WERE CARRIED ON BY PEOPLE OF INTEGRITY, AND THE ACCOUNTS OF THOSE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES WERE AUDITED EVERY YEAR."

MEANWHILE, WHITE HOUSE STAFF CHIEF RICHARD CHENEY, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS SUNDAY NIGHT ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE FLYING TO MIAMI, SAID THERE ARE NO PLANS TO ASK THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WHETHER THE PRESIDENT IS THE TARGET OF THE INVESTIGATION.

TO ASK THE QUESTION "WOULD ASSUME THE QUESTION NEEDS TO BE ASKED. I DON'T THINK IT DOES." HE SAID.

CHENEY ADDED THAT NOBODY IN THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS CONTACTED THE WHITE HOUSE FOR INFORMATION ON THE MATTER.

THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS NOT DISCLOSED WHETHER FORD, THE UNIONS OR THE MICHIGAN GOP COMMITTEES IS THE TARGET OF THE INVESTIGATION.

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WASHINGTON ADD WATERGATE PROSECUTOR (N40)

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE REACTION FROM THE PRESIDENT, BUT THE
WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE WOULD CONDUCT
A TELEVISED NEWS CONFERENCE AT ~~7:30~~ **8:00** P.M. EDT TO TALK ABOUT
"IMPORTANT MATTERS," INCLUDING ANY QUESTIONS ON THE
INVESTIGATION.

TWO WEEKS AGO, FORD WAS ASKED ABOUT THE PROBE AND SAID HE WAS
CONFIDENT IT WOULD ABSOLVE HIM.

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ADD 5 FORD INVESTIGATION, WASHINGTON

ROBERT DOLE TODAY CALLED ON JIMMY CARTER TO APOLOGIZE TO FORD.

"GOVERNOR CARTER ASKED FOR 'THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH'," DOLE SAID OF RUFF'S ANNOUNCEMENT. "GOVERNOR CARTER'S PROBLEM MAY BE THAT HE MAY NOT RECOGNIZE THE TRUTH WHEN HE HEARS IT."

DOLE REFERRED TO CARTER JIBE AT FORD DURING THE FINANCING INVESTIGATION.

"APOLOGIES COME EASY FOR GOVERNOR CARTER," DOLE SAID IN A STATEMENT. "HE HAS APOLOGIZED TO BLACKS FOR HIS STATEMENTS ON ETHNIC PURITY, TO GOVERNOR WALLACE, TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S WIDOW AND TO THE REV. BILLY GRAHAM.

"I CALL ON HIM NOW TO APOLOGIZE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES."

DOLE SAID RUFF "HAS CONFIRMED WHAT MILLIONS OF AMERICANS HAVE KNOWN FROM THE BEGINNING: PRESIDENT FORD IS HONEST AND OPEN WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND HIS CONSISTENCY AND DEPENDABILITY REPRESENT THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP WE NEED IN THE WHITE HOUSE."

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(FORD)
(BY HELEN THOMAS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- JUBILANT THAT THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR GAVE HIM A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH ON PAST CAMPAIGN FINANCING, PRESIDENT FORD TURNS ONCE AGAIN TO VOTE SEEKING TODAY WITH A TWO-DAY MIDWESTERN SWING THAT WILL INCLUDE AN ILLINOIS "WHISTLE STOP" TRAIN TOUR.

THE FORDS DANCED UNTIL NEARLY 1 A.M. TODAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE, CELEBRATING THEIR 28TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND SALUTING DANCER MARTHA GRAHAM WHO WAS PRESENTED THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM AT A DINNER PARTY IN HER HONOR.

EARLIER IN THE EVENING FORD HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AND SAID HE WAS PLEASED AT HAVING RECEIVED THE PROSECUTOR'S NOTICE THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN FINANCING QUESTIONS WAS BEING CLOSED WITH NO EVIDENCE OF WRONGDOING.

LEAVING EARLY TODAY FOR DES MOINES, FORD PLANNED TO SPEND MOST OF THE DAY STUMPING IOWA WITH A SPEECH ON THE CAMPUS OF IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A VISIT TO THE KING FARM AT BOONE, WHERE HE WILL TOUR FARM FACILITIES.

IN THE EARLY EVENING FORD WILL FLY TO CHICAGO AND MOTORCADE TO JOLIET, ILL., FOR THE NIGHT, ARRIVING IN TIME TO WATCH HIS RUNNING MATE SEN. ROBERT DOLE, AND JIMMY CARTER'S RUNNING MATE SEN. WALTER MONDALE, ENGAGE IN A 75-MINUTE NATIONALLY TELEVISED DEBATE IN HOUSTON.

MRS. FORD WILL JOIN HER HUSBAND IN JOLIET FOR THE TRAIN RIDE.

SATURDAY MORNING, FORD BOARDS THE "HONEST ABE" FOR A NINE-HOUR WHISTLE STOP TRIP FROM JOLIET THROUGH PONTIAC, BLOOMINGTON, LINCOLN, SPRINGFIELD, AND CARLINVILLE TO ALTON, ILL.

HE WILL THEN MOTORCADE TO ST. LOUIS WHERE HE WILL APPEAR AT A RALLY AT THE NORTHWEST SHOPPING CENTER, AND RETURN TO WASHINGTON SATURDAY NIGHT.

NEXT WEEK FORD WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HIS "ROSE GARDEN" CAMPAIGNING STICKING CLOSE TO THE WHITE HOUSE WHILE HE DOES INTENSIVE HOMEWORK FOR HIS THIRD -- AND SHOWDOWN -- DEBATE WITH CARTER AT THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY IN WILLIAMSBURG, VA., NEXT FRIDAY.

FROM THEN ON EXCEPT FOR A DAY OR SO RESPITE, FORD WILL TAKE HIS POLITICAL SHOW ON THE ROAD UNTIL ELECTION DAY NOV. 2, WINDING UP IN HIS NATIVE GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., ON ELECTION EVE TO VOTE IN HIS HOMETOWN BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON TO WATCH THE RETURNS.

THE LATEST GALLUP POLL, RELEASED TODAY, SHOWED FORD TRAILING CARTER BY SIX PERCENTAGE POINTS 48 TO 42 PER CENT. THE POLL, TAKEN SINCE THE OCT. 6 DEBATE, INDICATED FORD HAD LOST SOME SUPPORT FOLLOWING THE ENCOUNTER. THE SURVEY JUST BEFORE THAT DEBATE HAD CARTER AHEAD BY A 47 TO 45 PER CENT MARGIN.

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"First the blade, then the ear,



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The Monitor's view

Clear the air over Mr. Ford

The ill-timed flurry of charges against President Ford must be treated with balance and responsibility by all concerned, including the press and public. At the moment the legitimate pursuit of facts — and the acceptable political use of them — are severely clouded.

Reportedly it was a Reagan supporter who spurred the Watergate special prosecutor's investigation of Mr. Ford's congressional campaign funds — and a Carter supporter who leaked his tax audit to the press. Again, why were any outstanding questions not raised ear-

2-A The Grand Rapids Press, Tuesday, October 12, 1976

Ad Man Explains How Ford Got New Clothes

By Mike Lloyd

Bring on Woodward and Bernstein.

"We would welcome them or any other investigative reporters who want to find out what really went on in

Insight Advertising and Insight later rebilled them to the Fifth District Republican campaign committee as part of the over-all ad agency cost.

"This was through our own inexperience and it was later discovered by the

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(WATERGATE)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- REBUFFED BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN HER ATTEMPTS TO HAVE A WATERGATE-RELATED INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT FORD, REP. ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN, D-N.Y., IS ASKING FORD TO ORDER THE INVESTIGATION HIMSELF.

"IF THERE IS NOTHING TO HIDE," MISS HOLTZMAN SAID IN A LETTER TO FORD TODAY, "YOU HAVE NO REASON TO BE AFRAID OF WHAT AN INVESTIGATION WOULD DISCLOSE."

SHE SAID THAT SINCE FORD ALONE HAS THE POWER TO "COMPEL AN INVESTIGATION, YOUR FAILURE TO ORDER ONE WILL, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, ENSURE THAT THE FULL TRUTH WILL REMAIN HIDDEN UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION."

ALLEGATIONS, MADE BY FORMER WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL JOHN DEAN, THAT FORD WORKED AS HOUSE MINORITY LEADER TO BLOCK AN INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE WATERGATE SCANDAL, HAVE SURFACED AGAIN, PROMPTING THE CALLS FOR A NEW INVESTIGATION.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, FORD ACKNOWLEDGED MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE BANKING SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH WAS ATTEMPTING TO LOOK INTO ALLEGATIONS OF LAUNDERED CAMPAIGN MONEY. THE COMMITTEE PROBE NEVER GOT STARTED BECAUSE MEMBERS OF THE PANEL VOTED IT DOWN.

"I DON'T BELIEVE WHAT I DID IN WORKING WITH REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE BANKING AND CURRENCY SUBCOMMITTEE WAS BLOCKING THE INVESTIGATION OF WATERGATE," FORD SAID.

ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD LEVI REFUSED WEDNESDAY TO ASK THE SPECIAL WATERGATE PROSECUTOR'S TASK FORCE TO TAKE UP SUCH AN INVESTIGATION BECAUSE NO BASIS TO QUESTION FORD'S CLAIM WAS FOUND.

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BUTTERFIELD

WASHINGTON (AP) -- FORMER FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATOR ALEXANDER P BUTTERFIELD SAID TODAY THAT PRESIDENT FORD TOOK OFFICE WITH A MANDATE TO FIRE HIM. .

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN DISAGREED, HOWEVER, TERMING AS "JUST LUDICROUS" SUGGESTIONS THAT THERE HAD BEEN ANY AGREEMENT BY FORD TO FIRE BUTTERFIELD.

BUTTERFIELD, WHO FIRST REVEALED THE EXISTENCE OF THE WHITE HOUSE TAPING SYSTEM IN CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY, SAID THAT THE DECISION THAT HE SHOULD BE FIRED WAS MADE BY THEN PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON AFTER BUTTERFIELD TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN JULY, 1974. THE COMMITTEE WAS CONSIDERING ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST NIXON.

AND HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVES, BOTH FROM THE WAY HE WAS FIRED AND FROM INDICATIONS BY HIS FRIENDS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, THAT WHEN NIXON LEFT OFFICE THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT THAT BUTTERFIELD WOULD BE DISMISSED.

BUTTERFIELD FIRST COMMENTED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT SUNDAY ON CBS' "SIXTY MINUTES," AND REPEATED HIS REMARKS MONDAY TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

"I HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS IN THE WHITE HOUSE," BUTTERFIELD SAID, ADDING THAT ONE OF THEM HAD CALLED HIM ABOUT A WEEK AFTER HIS JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TESTIMONY TO SAY THERE HAD BEEN A MEETING ABOUT HIM. HE QUOTED THE FRIEND AS SAYING THE DECISION WAS: "YOU'VE GOT TO GO."

"I DON'T THINK IT WAS SUCH A BIG DEAL THAT NIXON TALKED TO FORD ABOUT ME," BUTTERFIELD SAID. BUT HE ADDED HE BELIEVES AN AGREEMENT WAS WORKED OUT BY STAFFERS SERVING AS LIAISON BETWEEN THE TWO MEN.

"IT WAS LIKE A MANDATE," HE SAID. BUTTERFIELD ADDED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED OF THIS AGREEMENT WHEN HE WAS FIRED, BECAUSE FORD REFUSED TO SEE HIM, ALTHOUGH THEY KNOW EACH OTHER AND AT ONE TIME HAD BEEN ON A FIRST NAME BASIS.

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WASH - ADD BUTTERFIELD (N096)

ALSO, HE SAID, HE WAS TOLD RATHER ABRUPTLY TO LEAVE, WITHOUT THE COURTESY OF REMAINING IN OFFICE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR WAS NAMED.

ASKED WHY BUTTERFIELD AS FIRED, NESSEN SAID IT WAS "TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION. WE SAID AT THE TIME THERE WAS A DESIRE TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION (AT FAA.)"

WHEN ASKED WHY THE ADMINISTRATION FAILED TO NAME A NEW HEAD FOR THE FAA FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, NESSEN SAID HE HAD NOT CHECKED INTO THE MATTER.

BUTTERFIELD SAID THAT ONE WHITE HOUSE AIDE HAD PROPOSED THAT BUTTERFIELD BE RECALLED TO THE WHITE HOUSE OR TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY FOR A FEW MONTHS "TO SHOW THERE WERE NO HARD FEELINGS."

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FORD-EHRLICHMAN

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- FORMER NIXON AIDE JOHN EHRLICHMAN WAS QUOTED TODAY AS SAYING THAT HE NEVER CONTACTED PRESIDENT FORD, WHEN FORD WAS HOUSE MINORITY LEADER, ABOUT OPPOSING AN EARLY HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION OF WATERGATE.

EHRLICHMAN ALSO SAID HE DOESN'T KNOW IF FORD WAS EVER CONTACTED BY ANY NIXON WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL.

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES SAID EHRLICHMAN MADE THE STATEMENTS IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW FROM NEW YORK.

JOHN DEAN, WHO WAS ANOTHER NIXON AIDE, HAS ALLEGED IN HIS NEW BOOK ON WATERGATE, "BLIND AMBITION," THAT FORD WAS CONTACTED ABOUT OPPOSING A 1972 INVESTIGATION BY THE HOUSE BANKING AND CURRENCY COMMITTEE.

THE TIMES SAID EHRLICHMAN AGREED THAT A TRANSCRIPT OF A TAPE OF A SEPT. 15, 1972, WHITE HOUSE MEETING INDICATED THAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO CONTACT FORD.

HOWEVER, EHRLICHMAN TOLD THE TIMES THAT HE WAS NOT AT THAT MEETING AND NO ONE EVER TOLD HIM HE WAS TO CONTACT FORD.

"NOBODY BOTHERED TO TELL ME THAT. NOBODY EVER BROUGHT IT TO ME. ... I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE THAT FORD WAS EVER CONTACTED," THE TIMES QUOTED EHRLICHMAN AS SAYING.

EHRLICHMAN'S STATEMENTS TEND TO SUBSTANTIATE FORD'S CONTENTION THAT, WHILE HE DID TRY TO BLOCK THE INVESTIGATION, HE DID IT ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE WITH NO SUGGESTIONS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- REP. ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN, D-N.Y., SAYS THE WATERGATE PROSECUTOR SHOULD INVESTIGATE BY ELECTION DAY WHETHER PRESIDENT FORD WAS TELLING THE TRUTH IN HIS TESTIMONY ABOUT AN ABORTED 1972 WATERGATE INVESTIGATION.

"FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER WOULD LEAVE A CLOUD HANGING OVER THE ELECTION," HOLTZMAN SAID YESTERDAY IN A LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD LEVI.

"INDEED, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD BE CONFRONTED WITH A POSSIBLE REPETITION OF 1972 -- THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT WHO MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES."

AT ISSUE ARE WHETHER FORD WORKED AT THE REQUEST OF THE NIXON WHITE HOUSE TO THWART A WATERGATE INVESTIGATION BY THE HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE DURING THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN AND WHETHER HE TESTIFIED ACCURATELY WHEN HE SAID HE DID NOT.



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WATERGATE PROSECUTOR (TOPS N10)
WASHINGTON (AP) -- SPECIAL WATERGATE PROSECUTOR CHARLES RUFF
TODAY CLEARED PRESIDENT FORD OF ANY WRONGDOING IN CONNECTION
WITH CAMPAIGN FINANCES IN HIS HOME COUNTY WHILE HE WAS IN
CONGRESS.

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WASHINGTON ADD WATERGATE PROSECUTOR (N32)
THE STATEMENT SAID RUFF WENT INTO THE CASE AT THE REQUEST OF ATTY.
GEN. EDWARD LEVI.

THE SPECIAL PROSECUTION FORCE AND THE FBI "EXAMINED VARIOUS PUBLIC
DOCUMENTS REFLECTING CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE UNIONS AS WELL AS
THOSE RECEIVED BY MR. FORD OR COMMITTEES ACTING ON HIS BEHALF."

IT HAD BEEN REPORTED PREVIOUSLY THAT THE INVESTIGATION FOCUSED ON
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE MARINE ENGINEERS BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION AND THE
SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION.

IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., ROBERT ELEVELD, REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN OF
FORD'S OLD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SAID: "I'M SO DELIGHTED WITH
THAT," WHEN INFORMED THAT THE INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN CLOSED.

ELEVELD SAID HE LEARNED ABOUT THE MOVE FROM REPUBLICAN ATTORNEY
STEPHEN BRANSDORFER, WHO WAS IN WASHINGTON TALKING WITH RUFF ABOUT THE
INVESTIGATION.

STILL TO BE ANSWERED, HOWEVER, WAS THE SEPARATE REQUEST FROM THREE
HOUSE DEMOCRATS FOR THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO LOOK INTO WHETHER FORD
MAY HAVE PLAYED A ROLE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE WATERGATE COVER-UP,
AN ISSUE RAISED BY FORMER WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL JOHN DEAN. THE

CONGRESSMEN WANT RUFF TO REVIEW SEVERAL TAPE RECORDINGS OF
CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THEN-PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON AND FORD DURING
THOSE EARLY MONTHS OF THE SCANDAL.

BY MARGARET GENTRY

10-14-76 10:37EDT

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WASHINGTON ADD WATERGATE PROSECUTOR (N28)
"THE MATTER HAS NOW BEEN CLOSED, AND COUNSEL FOR THE PRESIDENT HAS
BEEN SO ADVISED," RUFF SAID IN A TWO-PAGE STATEMENT ISSUED TO
REPORTERS.

RUFF SAID FBI DIRECTOR CLARENCE KELLEY ON JULY 13 ALERTED THE
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO "INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLEGED MISUSE OF
POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS" BY FORD DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1964 TO EARLY
1974.

THAT INFORMATION "CONCERNED A PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED ALLEGATION THAT
POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CERTAIN NAMED UNIONS HAD BEEN
TRANSMITTED TO POLITICAL COMMITTEES IN KENT COUNTY, MICH., WITH THE
UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WOULD BE PASSED ON TO MR. FORD FOR HIS
PERSONAL USE," THE STATEMENT SAID.

RUFF IDENTIFIED THE SOURCE ON THE ALLEGATION ONLY AS "AN INDIVIDUAL
WHO HAD RECENTLY BECOME AWARE OF THE UNDERLYING INFORMATION."

HE SAID THE INDIVIDUAL TOOK THE ALLEGATION TO AN FBI AGENT.

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RUFF DESCRIBED THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY HIS OFFICE AND THE FBI
AND SAID, "THE EVIDENCE DEVELOPED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION WAS NOT
CORROBORATIVE OF THE ALLEGATION ON WHICH IT WAS PREDICATED."

HE CONTINUED, "NOR DID EVIDENCE DISCLOSED DURING THE INQUIRY INTO
THAT ALLEGATION GIVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ANY OTHER VIOLATIONS OF
LAW HAD OCCURRED."

HE ALSO SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MADE THE ALLEGATION HAD "NO
APPARENT MOTIVE ... TO FABRICATE."

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FORD FUNDS LEAD
BY BROOKS JACKSON

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A MARITIME UNION CHIEF WHO WAS SUBPOENAED IN AN INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT FORD'S POLITICAL FINANCES SAID TODAY HE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE FORD MISUSED DONATIONS FROM HIS UNION.

JESSE M. CALHOON, PRESIDENT OF THE MARINE ENGINEERS BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION, SAID "AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MEBA AND JERRY FORD HAS BEEN ON THE HIGHEST MORAL AND ETHICAL LEVEL."

CALHOON, WHO IS NOW A STRONG SUPPORTER OF FORD'S PRESIDENTIAL RIVAL, JIMMY CARTER, SAID MEBA'S POLITICAL FUND DONATED A TOTAL OF \$12,000 TO FORD'S MICHIGAN CONGRESSIONAL RACES IN 1968, 1970 AND 1972.

HE SAID MEBA GAVE NO OTHER FUNDS OF ANY KIND TO FORD, THAT ALL THE POLITICAL DONATIONS WERE MADE BY CHECK AND REPORTED PUBLICLY AT THE TIME, AND THAT ENDORSEMENTS ON THE CHECKS SHOW THEY WERE ALL DEPOSITED IN THE ACCOUNTS TO WHICH THEY WERE MADE OUT.

CALHOON SAID HE AND HIS UNION'S POLITICAL RECORDS WERE SUBPOENAED A FEW WEEKS AGO BY WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CHARLES RUFF, WHO IS CONDUCTING A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION OF FORD'S CONGRESSIONAL POLITICAL FINANCES GOING BACK TO 1964.

ALTHOUGH RUFF REFUSES TO SAY PUBLICLY ANYTHING ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION, PUBLISHED REPORTS HAVE QUOTED SOURCES AS SAYING IT CENTERS ON AN ALLEGATION THAT FORD CONVERTED POLITICAL DONATIONS FROM MEBA AND POSSIBLY OTHER SOURCES TO HIS PERSONAL USE.

CALHOON REPORTEDLY APPEARED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY ON FRIDAY. HE REFUSED TO COMMENT DIRECTLY ON HIS TESTIMONY. HE SAID HE WAS NOT TOLD THE EXACT NATURE OF THE ALLEGATION AGAINST FORD, AND DOESN'T KNOW WHO MADE THE ACCUSATION THAT SPARKED RUFF'S INQUIRY.

CALHOON SAID HE DOESN'T BELIEVE ANYONE CONNECTED WITH HIS UNION WOULD HAVE ACCUSED FORD, BECAUSE OF A LONG-STANDING WATERFRONT ANIMOSITY TOWARD INFORMERS AND THE POLICE.

"THERE IS A STRONG TRADITION IN THE SEAFARING TRADES OF, 'YOU DONT GIVE NO HELP TO THOSE PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY'LL BUST YOUR BRAINS OUT,'" CALHOON SAID.

HE STRONGLY SUPPORTS CARTER BECAUSE OF THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE'S PLEDGE TO WORK FOR AN EXPANDED AMERICAN MERCHANT SHIPPING INDUSTRY, WHICH WOULD MEAN MORE JOBS FOR CALHOON'S MEMBERS.

ALSO, FORD VETOED A BILL FOR WHICH CALHOON HAD PRESSED HARD IN 1974 TO REQUIRE MORE IMPORTED OIL TO TRAVEL IN AMERICAN-FLAG SHIPS, MANNED BY UNION CREWS.

CALHOON SAID IN THE INTERVIEW, "THE TRANSACTIONS I'VE HAD WITH JERRY FORD, I WOULD JUST AS SOON HAVE HAD IN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, I'D JUST AS SOON HAVE HAD THEM BEFORE TELEVISION CAMERAS."

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... THE NOV. 2 ELECTION DATE.

NEW YORK (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD DENIES "CATEGORICALLY" THAT HE EVER USED CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR HIS PERSONAL USE.

FORD SAID WEDNESDAY BOTH HE AND DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE JIMMY CARTER HAVE THEIR EXPENSES PAID FROM CAMPAIGN FUNDS WHEN THEY TRAVEL ON CAMPAIGN TRIPS.

"THAT'S WHAT ALL POLITICIANS DO," FORD SAID. "BUT AS FAR AS ANY PERSONAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS GOING TO ME FOR MY PRIVATE LIFE IN AN ORDINARY SENSE, THE ANSWER IS CATEGORICALLY NO."

FORD, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH BARBARA WALTERS OF ABC-TV, WAS ALSO ASKED HOW HE MANAGED TO GET ALONG ON LESS THAN \$5 A WEEK CASH SPENDING MONEY IN 1972 WHEN HE WAS HOUSE GOP LEADER -- A FIGURE DETERMINED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IN AN AUDIT OF HIS FINANCES FOR CONGRESS.

"DURING 1972, I TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY ALL OVER THE COUNTRY CAMPAIGNING FOR MANY, MANY POLITICAL CANDIDATES," FORD SAID. "WHEN YOU ADD UP THE FACT THAT I WAS CAMPAIGNING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND MY EXPENSES WERE PAID -- AS PROPERLY IT IS -- WE WERE IN CHINA FOR TWO WEEKS. WE WERE IN FLORIDA FOR A WEEK. I DON'T THINK -- WELL, AT LEAST THE IRS, AFTER GETTING INTO IT VERY CAREFULLY, CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS A VERY LEGITIMATE CIRCUMSTANCE."

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Jaworski Soft-Pedals on Probe of Ford's Past

By JOSEPH VOLZ

Washington (News Bureau)—
Former Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski played down the new FBI investigation of President Ford's congressional campaign yesterday, saying that

Watergate prosecutor's office, had turned up any more material, Jaworski said that if Ruff did not have much of a case, he should wait until after the November election before continuing.

Sources close to the investigation said that the case thus far has centered on two unions — the Marine Engineers

do his legwork. Some are clearly sympathetic to Ford and seem concerned that they have been asked to question dozens of local Republican officials only a few weeks before the November election.

One FBI agent on the case told a friend that he "greatly admires" Ford and was unhappy about the timing of

WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTION FORCE

United States Department of Justice

315 9th Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20530

October 13, 1976

Philip W. Buchen, Esq.
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Buchen:

As you requested, this is to advise you concerning the status of the investigation by this Office into an allegation that certain contributions made to political committees in Michigan were improperly diverted to the personal use of President Ford.

The investigation of that allegation is now complete, and the evidence developed has disclosed no violation of law on the part of President Ford. The matter has therefore been closed.

Sincerely,

Charles F. C. Ruff

CHARLES F. C. RUFF
Special Prosecutor



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Today, her company, the oldest major dance company in America, is in its 50th year. From a troupe of four, it has grown to a permanent complement of 24. Since 1950, the Martha Graham Dance Company has been on many world tours, often under the auspices of the State Department. During the past year, Miss Graham took the company on a major tour of European capitals, which climaxed this past July with a sold-out run at London's Royal Opera House in Convent Garden. It was the first appearance there by a contemporary dance company.

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S VISIT TO
ILLINOIS & MISSOURI

Friday & Saturday, October 15-16, 1976

Friday, October 15, 1976

5:00 pm Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route
Andrews AFB.

[Driving time: 40 minutes]

5:40 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES Andrews AFB.

Mrs. Ford boards C-9.

Manifest is as follows:

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| Mrs. Ford | USSS |
| N. Chirdon | USSS |
| S. Weidenfeld | |
| K. Schumacher | |
| J. Stouffer | |

5:50 pm C-9 DEPARTS Andrews AFB en route O'Hare
International Airport, Chicago, Illinois.

[Flying time: 1 hour, 50 minutes]


[Time Change: - 1 hour]

6:40 pm C-9 ARRIVES O'Hare International Airport.

NOTE: The President will
arrive at 6:55 pm. For details
of remainder of trip, please
refer to the President's schedule.

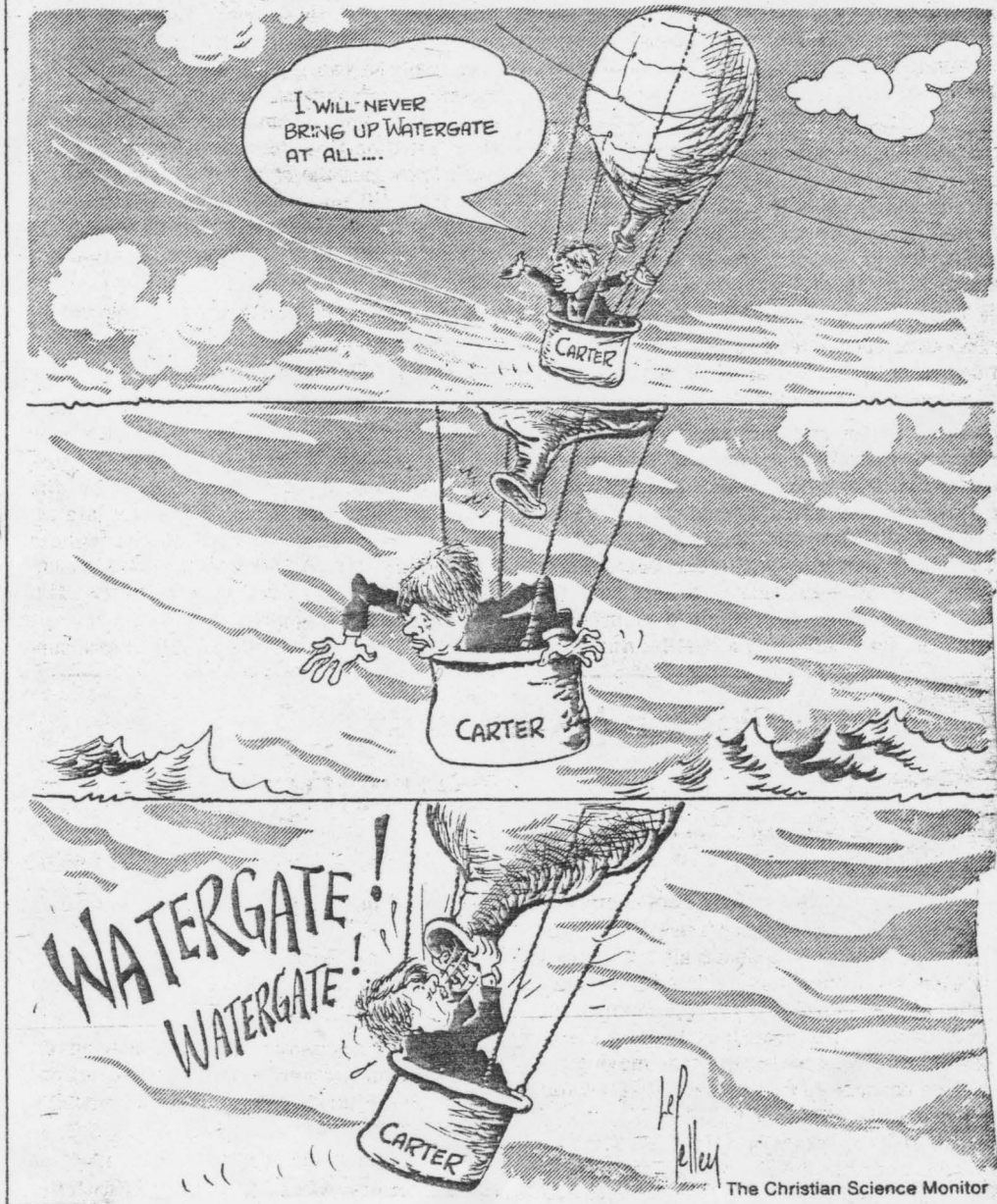
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Tuesday, October 12, 1976


Balloon crossing



GERALD R. FORD

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"First the blade, then the ear," 

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The Monitor's view

Clear the air over Mr. Ford

The ill-timed flurry of charges against President Ford must be treated with balance and responsibility by all concerned, including the press and public. At the moment the legitimate pursuit of facts — and the acceptable political use of them — are severely clouded.

Mr. Ford's campaign spokesman, William

Reportedly it was a Reagan supporter who spurred the Watergate special prosecutor's investigation of Mr. Ford's congressional campaign funds — and a Carter supporter who leaked his tax audit to the press. Again, why were any outstanding questions not raised earlier when Mr. Ford was reportedly so ther-

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GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD'S SPECIAL COUNSEL SAYS THE TIMING OF THE WATERGATE PROSECUTOR'S REPORTED INVESTIGATION INTO UNION POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS ALLEGEDLY DIVERTED TO FORD'S PERSONAL USE WHILE FORD WAS A CONGRESSMAN IS "DEPLORABLE" BECAUSE IT COMES LITTLE MORE THAN A MONTH BEFORE THE ELECTION.

PHILIP BUCHEN, SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT AND HIS FORMER LAW PARTNER, ALSO SAID THE RECORDS UNDER STUDY BY THE PROSECUTOR "ARE THE SAME ONES WHICH WERE EXAMINED THOROUGHLY IN 1973 BY 350 AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION."

CHARLES RUFF, THE WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, REPORTEDLY HAS SUBPOENAED RECORDS OF THE SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION. RUFF IS REPORTEDLY PROBING REPORTS THAT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE UNION AND FROM THE MARITIME ENGINEERS BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION WERE DIVERTED TO FORD'S PERSONAL USE -- WHILE HE WAS A CONGRESSMAN -- AFTER PASSING THROUGH REPUBLICAN COMMITTEES IN HIS HOME DISTRICT.

OFFICIALS OF THE MARITIME ENGINEERS CONFIRMED THAT THEIR RECORDS WERE SUBPOENED, BUT RUFF HAS NOT CONFIRMED THAT ANY SUBPOENAS WERE ISSUED.

BUCHEN SAID HE IS CERTAIN THE PRESIDENT IS NOT UNDER INVESTIGATION SINCE "HIS CAMPAIGN FINANCES WERE CARRIED ON BY PEOPLE OF INTEGRITY, AND THE ACCOUNTS OF THOSE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES WERE AUDITED EVERY YEAR."

MEANWHILE, WHITE HOUSE STAFF CHIEF RICHARD CHENEY, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS SUNDAY NIGHT ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE FLYING TO MIAMI, SAID THERE ARE NO PLANS TO ASK THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WHETHER THE PRESIDENT IS THE TARGET OF THE INVESTIGATION.

TO ASK THE QUESTION "WOULD ASSUME THE QUESTION NEEDS TO BE ASKED. DON'T THINK IT DOES." HE SAID.

CHENEY ADDED THAT NOBODY IN THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS CONTACTED THE WHITE HOUSE FOR INFORMATION ON THE MATTER.

THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS NOT DISCLOSED WHETHER FORD, THE UNION OR THE MICHIGAN GOP COMMITTEES IS THE TARGET OF THE INVESTIGATION.

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