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My name is Robert B. Winter-Berger. I live at 123 East 75th Street, New York, New York 10021. This affidavit is being given freely with no promise of payment or other consideration.

is it correct?

Between 1966 and September of 1969 I personally loaned Gerald Ford in the neighborhood of \$15,000. This money was delivered to Ford in cash to cover an illness and hospitalization of his wife. She had an illness of the pancreas.

no truth Blue Cops! Blue shield

This money came from my personal income and I paid taxes on it. This money was never repaid. I never asked for repayment and it was never offered.

secret memo 60 times using \$250.00 300 times using \$60.00

At other times he complained that he was short of money.

The loans were made in amounts of \$50.00 to about \$250.00.

secret?

As I reported in my book, The Washington Payoff, I helped arrange for \$125,000 to be contributed to the Republicans by Francis Kellogg, now a high State Department official.

I have only knowledge of \$3000 to Kellogg Sept 1969

I arranged for Kellogg to meet at least twice with Gerald Ford at Kellogg's request. Ford agreed to help Kellogg get a government post. Kellogg was seeking an ambassadorship to Kenya. I have correspondence in my possession which proves that Kellogg was in touch with Herbert Kalmbach in reference to this desired appointment.

Kellogg denies I did also

False!!

All of the \$125,000 contributed by Kellogg was contributed at the suggestion of Ford. Kellogg was aware that Ford had suggested these contributions to various Republican bodies in 1968. It was for this reason that Kellogg furnished me with copies of his correspondence from and to members of the Republican Party in his quest for the appointment. I'm prepared to make copies of this correspondence available to the House and Senate Committees.

As described in my book, Ford flew in a private plane to Parsons College at a cost of \$1500. On six or seven occasions he mentioned the \$1500. Finally, I got the message but didn't pay him the \$1500.

no pay to Parsons College for Northern Air Service

At the 1969 inaugural, Ford supplied an official sticker for the private limousine of Elizabeth Taylor Dunnington, a prominent contributor to the Republican Party, and her brother Reese Taylor was one of Nixon's earliest and most powerful backers. This sticker enabled the limousine to go through police lines.

I have no recollection of this incident

Robert B. Winter-Berger



he has some

Ford supplied this sticker in return for a \$500 contribution to the Republican Congressional Boosters Committee. The contribution was made through my good offices.

In 1969, Ford got the young man a job as a congressional intern (Stephen Taylor, grand-nephew of Elizabeth Taylor Dunnington), in return for another \$500 contribution to the Republican Congressional Boosters Committee. This contribution was again made through me.

does not support story

If got job it was because qualified

- 1) When did "bry" work.
- 2) When were booster payments made

I picked up Gerald Ford at the New York Hilton after a speaking engagement at approximately 2:30 p.m. and we went in a rented limousine supplied to him by the organization who sponsored his appearance to the offices of Dr. Arnold Hutschnecker at 829 Park Avenue. When we left the limousine we asked the driver to return in an hour. I went into Dr. Hutschnecker's office and introduced him to Gerald Ford. I then went around the corner to my own apartment and prepared my own lunch which consisted of a hamburger which was broiled in a pre-heated oven. This took me approximately 40 minutes. I left my apartment after cleaning the dishes, making several calls and returned around the corner to the front of the building at 829 Park Avenue. The limousine had already arrived; I stepped in and waited for the arrival of Gerald Ford some ten or 15 minutes later. Ford was with Hutschnecker for more than an hour. Loaded with books and documents which Hutschnecker had given to Ford, we drove in the limousine to the Eastern Airlines shuttle and then the limousine took me back to my residence.

About eight or nine months later Hutschnecker mentioned to me that on a Saturday morning trip to Washington to see Nixon he had stopped by to see Ford; he mentioned these visits to me on more than two occasions. Ford, on the other hand, never recounted these meetings to me until I mentioned them to him one day. Then he admitted that he had been in contact with Hutschnecker. I never delved any further because I felt it would be tactless.

Invental story which can mb of the supported from any source.

Both D.N. & I have both denied any treatment

Robert L. Winterberger



However, as I noted in my book I suggested to Ford that he see Hutschnecker because he indicated to me that the pressures of the job were beginning to get to him. I said, by way of recommendation, that Hutschnecker was Nixon's doctor. He said he would ask Dick about it. About ten days later, much to my surprise, he brought it up and said he had asked Dick and that Dick said he was a very good doctor. He then asked me to set out to set up an appointment with Dr. Hutschnecker.

Hutschnecker was never a client of mine, and Gerald Ford knew this very clearly.

Ford never did any favor for me unless I indicated that in some way or manner, by contribution or other means, the Republican Party would benefit. Other means might be stationery or something else. For example, the first favor I asked him to do for me involved his endorsement of the world calendar. I slipped an envelope which contained \$2000 across his desk. He refused it, with the suggestion that if I wanted to do him a favor I could buy some tickets to a dinner that was being given in his honor in Grand Rapids at which dinner Richard Nixon was the honored speaker. I bought five tickets and paid for them by money order in the sum of \$500. *(Should we believe it was \$1500?)*

Not in book.

(my check - p. 238)

~~I regarded myself as a friend; but~~

I regarded myself as a personal friend of Gerald Ford's, and was treated accordingly by his office staff. He asked me to counsel his son on several occasions. He thought the boy not serious-minded. This was the middle son, who eventually worked as an intern in congress. He conferred with me about his wife's illness which you don't do with a casual acquaintance, and his secretary, Mildred Leonard, knowing of my close association with Ford constantly gave me reports on Mrs. Ford's condition.

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no real knowledge

One Christmas I asked Mr. Ford if it was all right with him if I gave some of his staff, who had been very helpful to me, some Christmas gifts. He said he didn't mind, as long as I didn't give them in the office; he suggested that I send them directly to their homes; which I did. I sent Mildred Leonard, Frank Meyer and Ester Dukov wallets. In each wallet there was a \$100 bill. They acknowledged the gifts in writing and thanked me.

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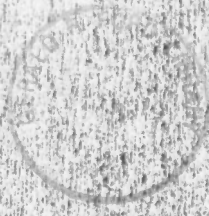
To be accurate, Ester and Mildred acknowledged the gifts in writing and Frank thanked me.

Robert Z. Winter-berger

Subscribed and Sworn To before me this 24th day of October, 1973

Mildred Steyer
Notary Public, D. C.

My Commission Expires February 20, 1977



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October 26, 1973.

Att. Benton L. Becker,
Cramer, Haber & Becker,
485 Lenfant Plaza, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024 Suite 4100

Dear Att. Becker,

This is in response to our telephone conversation this afternoon, October 26, 1973.

Robert Winter-Berger did not pay me one penny for the introduction to Congressman Ford--in fact there was never any mention of money between us. Added to that I paid my own way to Washington.

Comments he made of things I supposedly said are incorrect and inuendos.

I will try to have friends in New York phone you today with further information.

If I can do anything to help in any way please let me know. I have complete confidence in Mr. Ford's integrity.

Sincerely,

Alice B. Schowalter

Alice Weston,
(Alice B. Schowalter)



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bring lasting peace to the Middle East." Warren said the President also would meet at 6 p.m. today at his Camp David, Md., retreat with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin, who has been a go-between in the U.S. Soviet diplomatic moves spawned by the latest outbreak of fighting in the troubled region.

preserve the ceasefire. He conferred several times by telephone with Kissinger, Warren said.

"All of these meetings are a continuation of diplomatic efforts to establish a framework for negotiations," Warren said.

More Mideast news appears on page 16A

UPI Photo

THE HALLOWEEN holiday will be a bit brighter for elderly and ill residents living around St. Pious Catholic Elementary School in Wauwatosa, Wis. Sixty-nine pumpkins were carved in an all-school project and will be hand-delivered by pupils in time for trick-or-treat night.

Ford Offers to Take Lie Detector Test on Gift

By Robert Lewis

Grand Rapids Press Bureau

WASHINGTON — Vice President-designate Gerald R. Ford has offered to take a lie detector test to rebut charges by a former lobbyist that he accepted \$15,000 in loans which were not repaid.

Ford, who will be the first witness when Senate Rules Committee hearings on his nomination open Thursday, called ex-lobbyist Robert N. Winter-Berger's accusation a "categorical lie."

of 1,400 pages of raw data, and Cannon said that although the material is "very, very thorough," he has asked for additional information. He declined to elaborate.

Cannon said the Rules Committee was not relying entirely on FBI reports. He said the committee also expects reports from the General Accounting Office and from its own investigative staff.

It was reported that the committee has ordered a full-scale investigation into Winter-Berger's background to see if he had a quiet receipt and to determine

New York City, Winter-Berger said he stands behind all charges in his 1972 book about lobbying and would take a lie detector test if asked.

Winter-Berger said Ford did not ask for contributions outright. "He expected the person doing business with him to come up with the offer because if you didn't you knew very well that you wouldn't get in that office with a great deal of ease he next time," the former lobbyist said.

"When it came to large amounts of cash, the big envelopes that other politicians look

a campaign contribution, or vice versa, or for a man who has not at some time taken a small amount of cash for personal or political expenses, then that man is not Jerry Ford.

"IF THEY want someone who is absolutely perfect and pure, then it's not Jerry Ford," he said. "But then they'll have to go to Outer Mongolia to find that sort of a man."

"I feel that try as you might you won't find a better-equipped man, or more honest one, within our corrupt system."

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Ford: Charges, Denials

A former lobbyist has sworn to the Senate Rules Committee that he "loaned" vice presidential nominee Gerald Ford \$15,000 to cover urgent personal needs. The loan, said lobbyist Robert Winter-Berger, was never paid.

In addition, said Winter-Berger, at Ford's request he arranged contributions totaling more than \$125,000 to various Republican campaign commit-

stating, "I wouldn't be so crude as to enter into a quid pro quo arrangement of that kind."

In the affidavit, Winter Berger also dealt fully for the first time with his recollection of Ford's visit to New York psychotherapist Dr. Arnold Hutschnecker, who once counseled Richard Nixon. Ford has insisted to us he saw Hutschnecker for only 15 minutes, and never visited with him again. But Winter-Berger's

Lobbyist Book On Corruption Attacks Ford

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — An attack on Rep. Gerald Ford in a book published last year is sure to be brought up again when Congress holds hearings on his nomination.

Ford was one of numerous Washington politicians hit hard in "The Washington Pay-Off: A Lobbyist's Own Story of Corruption in Government."

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November 2, 1973

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
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Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mr. Ford:

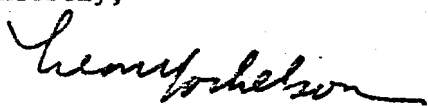
This is in response to your telephone inquiry of November 2, 1973 requesting that I write of my treatment of Mrs. Elizabeth Ford. I am pleased to do so, having secured Mrs. Ford's permission.

In mid-1969 Mrs. Ford started a course of treatment in this office for a tension state resulting from a medical condition which had depleted her energy. Treatment continued routinely and at the present time she has improved so that only occasional visits have been necessary.

During the course of my treatment of Mrs. Ford, there has been opportunity to get together with you for the purpose of discussing my treatment of Mrs. Ford. These conversations have been, in all instances, exclusively related to your wife's condition. I categorically state that at no time have you ever sought the services of this office professionally and at no time have you ever been treated or sought treatment by me, nor have you ever indicated that you have received treatment from any other psychiatrist.

I am prepared to state the above under oath if to be deemed necessary.

Sincerely,


Leon Yochelson, M.D.

Leon Yochelson, M.D., founding partner and Chairman of The Professional Associates, and the Boards of The Psychiatric Institute and The Psychiatric Institute Foundation, was Chief of Psychiatry at The George Washington University Hospital from 1949 and Chairman of The Department of Psychiatry of the School of Medicine of The George Washington University from 1959 until his resignation from both positions in 1970. He has continued as Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science and as Co-director of the Institute for Law, Psychiatry and Criminology at The George Washington University.

Dr. Yochelson is Supervising and Training Analyst at The Washington Psychoanalytic Institute, past-Vice Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Mental Health of The Public Health Advisory Council of The District of Columbia, an examiner in Psychiatry for The American Board of Neurology and Psychiatry, and past-Chairman for many years of the Committee on Mental Health of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia and is presently a member of the Medical Society's Committee on Ethics. He has also been a psychiatric consultant to the National Institute of Mental Health, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and The Social Security and Veterans Administrations. He is a Fellow of The American Psychiatric Association and past Chairman of its Membership Committee. He is a Fellow of the American College of Psychiatrists and a Founding Fellow of the American College of Psychoanalysts. He is past president of the Washington Psychiatric Society and a member of the Washington Psychoanalytic Society.

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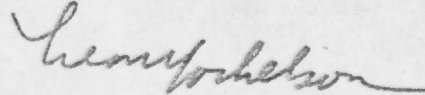
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