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This Bureau's Washington Field Office advised that "The Washington Post" news reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, who wrote the article October 25, 1972, identifying H. R. Maldeman, White House Chief of Staff, as one of the individuals authorized to approve payments from a secret campaign fund, were summoned to the office of Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA) Earl Silbert, October 25, 1972. At that time the news reporters stated they were under pressure because their story, based on "sources," may have been wrong. Further, "The Washington Post" was also under pressure to identify the source of this story and Bernstein and Woodward stated they were going to identify Special Agent (SA) Angelo J. Lano, case Agent, as the source of this information.

This is an outrageous lie and SA Lano insists on preparing a sworn signed affidavit categorically denying this allegation and a copy of this affidavit will be furnished to AUSA Silbert. Bernstein and Woodward have obviously gotten themselves into an extreme bind because of their false story and they are seeking to make SA Lano their scapegoat based on bits and pieces of conversations had with SA Lano as shown hereinafter.

SA Lano was authorized on October 3, 1972, to meet with reporter Carl Bernstein for the purpose of having Bernstein identify his source of information for numerous stories he had written on captioned matter. This meeting was terminated when Bernstein would only identify his source as "a very high source," and he insisted on trying to query SA Lano about the case to which SA Lano replied, "no comment."

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