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From RAY KERRISON

NEW YORK, Sat. — The White House, with President Nixon's approval, repeatedly offered convicted burglar James McCord executive clemency in exchange for keeping his mouth shut about Watergate.

McCord, a 54-year-old former CIA agent, said this yesterday before the Senate tribunal investigating the scandal.

Living up to his advance billing as a star witness, McCord sent shock waves through Washington and the United States with his sworn testimony.

McCord said the White House dangled other incentives to him, including \$100,000.

Implicated

McCord also testified that he believed President Nixon set in motion the Watergate burglary and bugging operation.

Ronald Ziegler, the White House Press Secretary, immediately called a Press conference to announce that Nixon never authorised anyone to represent him in executive clemency offers.

McCord sat in the Senate "hot seat" for virtually the entire day's session, spilling out an incredible story of White House pressure, moonlight meetings, anonymous phone calls and finally naked threats.

McCord heavily implicated President Nixon and his top lieutenants, including former Attorney-General John Mitchell, White House legal counsel John Dean and aides H. R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman.

Caught

McCord is the man who blew the lid off the Watergate case in March when he decided to tell all.

He was one of the burglars caught in the Watergate break-in and has been convicted. He is due to be sentenced in mid-June.

"I was told (by Caulfield) that the President of the United States was aware of our meetings, that the results would be conveyed to the President and that, at a future meeting, there would likely be a personal message from the President himself," McCord said.

He said he received an anonymous phone call from a man telling him to plead guilty and to keep his mouth shut before any Grand Jury hearing.

TAB QUADRELLA: 2.8.8.1 — (Tambaran, Karkaroo-Black Nero, Alrama-Rema, Prize Lad) — \$2,048.65.

TAB DOUBLE: 8.8 (Karkaroo, Alrama, no subs) \$184.25.

TAB QUINELLA: 1, 10 (Prize Lad, Harpoon) — \$ 3.95.

Hawthorn 19.15 (129) d Geelong 9.14 (68)

Richmond 16.21 (117) d Fitzroy 12.8 (80)

Carlton 16.23 (119) d Collingwood 8.12 (60)

Melbourne 17.10 (112) d South Melbourne 12.11 (83)

Essendon 20.24 (144) d North Melbourne 11.8 (74)

Footscray 14.9 (93) d St. Kilda 13.12 (90)

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MASSIVE WIN FOR LIBERALS

By MICHEL LAWRENCE

THE Victorian Liberal Government was swept back to power last night in a landslide election.

The Government was returned with a 7 per cent swing on the last State elections and more than a 10 per cent swing on the Federal elections last December.

The massive swing to Mr Hamer means that he will win about five seats while losing only one.

The Labor vote was up 1 per cent on its 1970 State election vote, but the DLP dropped a staggering 5½ per cent and was even below its figures for the Federal election.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Holding, conceded defeat last night with only 50 per cent of the votes counted.

The result shocked most observers because none of the seats in the south-eastern suburban belt which swung to Labor at the Federal election were in danger of being lost. The Labor Party has

lost five seats — four in the country and one in the city.

They will lose Kara Kara to the Country Party, and Dundas, Midlands and Portland to the Liberals in the country.

Labor may lose Greensborough in the city although the final result of this seat may not be known for 10

days, with both parties running neck and neck.

With more than 100,000 postal votes to be counted, the final result is not likely to be known in the close seats for about 10 days.

The Australia Party polled very well in the seats it contested and in fact headed the DLP in most of those seats.

But Labor will retain Dandenong despite early counting, which showed the sitting member, Mr Alan Lind, trailing.

Average vote

The Liberals are likely to lose Ivanhoe, although the result is likely to be drawn out for at least a week until postal votes are counted.

The Country Party looked like winning three of the four country seats they expected to win.

They will win back Kara Kara from the A.L.P. and Lowan and Gippsland South from the Liberals.

STATE OF THE PARTIES

	Lib	ALP	CP	Ind	Lab
Old House	42	22	8		1
Likely new House	45	17	10		1

The percentages were: Liberal 41.6 per cent; A.L.P. 42.6 per cent; D.L.P. 7.7 per cent; Country Party 5.4 per cent; Australia Party 1.7 per cent; others 0.5 per cent.

Labor hopes crushed in the early counting

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