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Report Is Delayed On Republican Fund

WASHINGTON (AP) —The General Accounting Office has decided to delay its report on alleged Republican misuse of campaign funds after a talk with a top Nixon re-election official produced "new facts."

The announcement of the delay came after a GAO auditor met in Miami Beach with Maurice H. Stans, Nixon's chief fund raiser.

However, a spokesman for the office Wednesday denied the report was being delayed because of the Republican National Convention, which winds up this week.

Lawrence F. O'Brien, national campaign chairman of the Democratic Party, said "every ounce of political muscle available to the White House was being expended to suppress" the report.

He said in a statement that "Top GAO officials were hurriedly dispatched to Miami Beach so that the Republican high command could review, and perhaps amend, a document that set forth a number of violations and irregularities."

"The plain truth is this: We are now witnessing one of the most outrageous and blatant political cover-ups of this generation," O'Brien said.

"I make this flat prediction: This calculated Republican attempt to suppress and cover up the facts of this case will turn out to be the biggest political blunder in Richard Nixon's career."

"It will cost him the election," O'Brien said. "And it will lead to the most constructive possible solution to this entire mess: Denying the Nixon administration another four years in which to sell out the ordinary people of this country."

Earlier, Paul Barrick, treasurer of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, denied reports of any law violations and said the finance leaders of the committee had sought to comply with requirements in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

Meanwhile, Rep. Wright Patman, D-Tex., chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, accused the GAO of blocking committee investigators probing a connection between the possible violations and the June 17 Democratic National Committee headquarters break-in.

The Washington Post reported Tuesday that GAO found \$25,000 which had been depos-

ited in the bank account of a break-in suspect came from a \$100,000 campaign security fund of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President.