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Report on Funds Delayed

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 23—The General Accounting Office, saying that its investigation was still incomplete, delayed again today the release of a final report on its three-week-old audit of an alleged mishandling of campaign funds by the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

Officials of the agency have been indicating for the last few days that the report's release was imminent, but one said today

that the audit of the committee's financial records was now officially "still in progress."

The agency previously promised a number of Senators and Representatives, who are also looking into the matter, that they would have copies of the completed report by 2:30 P.M. yesterday, but none have yet been delivered.

Representative Wright Patman, Democrat of Texas, who heads the House Banking and currency Committee, said that the Congressional auditing and investigative agency broke an appointment this afternoon to brief his staff on the investigation.

Citing reports that an official of the agency flew to Miami Beach last night to discuss the findings with Maurice H. Stans, President Nixon's campaign finance chairman, Mr. Patman accused the agency of taking "the position of conferring and cooperating with those being investigated while refusing to discuss the case and provide information" to members of Congress.

The head of the agency's Office of Federal-Elections, Phillip S. Hughes, confirmed today that he went to Miami Beach and met Mr. Stans last night, but he said it had not been a matter of discussing a complete report with him.

"We went in search of evidence that bears on this investigation," Mr. Hughes said. "We think we found some."

Asked about Mr. Patman's charge that the meeting with Mr. Stans would "raise major questions about the objectivity" of the report, another official said it was a standard policy



to confer frequently with an agency under scrutiny.

In response to Mr. Patman's allegation that the agency had "renege" on its promise to meet with his staff, the official said it had never been the agency's practice to "comment to the Hill on an audit that's in progress."

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Kenneth H. Dahlberg, a finance chairman of the Committee to Re-Elect the President, leaving the office in Miami yesterday of Martin Dardis, right, chief investigator for the State Attorney, after being questioned.