

Illegal Gift Laid to Andreas

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The Watergate special prosecutor's office yesterday charged Dwayne O. Andreas, one of the country's biggest political money-givers, with violating the law by consenting to \$100,000 in contributions of corporate funds to Hubert H. Humphrey in 1968.

A criminal information filed in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis charges that Andreas consented to four \$25,000 contributions to Humphrey's presidential campaign from First

Interoceanic Corp., of which Andreas is chairman.

It is a violation of federal law to donate a corporation's money to a political candidate. Andreas was charged on four counts and the corporation on four.

The charge is a misdemeanor. Andreas could face up to a year in prison and a fine of \$1,000 on each of the four counts against him. The corporation could be fined a maximum of \$5,000 on each.

Andreas has been known for years as a contributor to Humphrey's campaigns for the U.S.

Senate and for the presidency.

However, in the 1972 campaign he supported President Nixon. Campaign reports list him as having given \$23,687. He was reported also to have given another \$25,000 to a Nixon campaign committee before a new reporting law went into effect in April, 1972.

Andreas, a soybean magnate, is out of the country and could not be reached for comment. A secretary in his Minneapolis office said she thought he was in Europe.

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DWAYNE O. ANDREAS
... aided Humphrey

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Humphrey was on an airplane when the news broke yesterday evening and his office declined to comment until he was informed.

The papers filed in Minneapolis charged that the four donations of \$25,000 each were made to various Humphrey campaign committees between Oct. 14-21, 1968. The contributions were made to the Illinois Citizens for Humphrey and Muskie, the Illinois for Humphrey for President Club, the Illinois Salute to Humphrey and to Illinois Friends of Humphrey.

The contributions allegedly were made about the time in 1968 when Humphrey's campaign was very short of cash. Contributions had virtually dried up after a public opinion poll in August, 1968, which showed that Humphrey was trailing far behind Richard Nixon.

The information on Andreas was produced by investigators working for the Watergate special prosecutor, Archibald Cox. His office ordinarily is confined to investigating contributions during the 1972

campaign.

Cox's office reportedly was allowed to go ahead and file the criminal information yesterday because the five year statute of limitation is scheduled to run out Sunday. He was authorized by Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson to file the charge.

Cox's office refused to explain how information on Andreas' purported 1968 contributions came to light while 1972 funds were being investigated. One reason may be the controversial \$25,000 donation he made to President Nixon's campaign. It was disclosed in mid-1972 that contribution ended up in the bank account of one of the men convicted in the Watergate conspiracy.

Andreas' First InterOceanic Corp. is the fourth corporation to be charged by Cox's office for illegal campaign contributions. Three companies pleaded guilty Wednesday to misdemeanor violations in connection with Mr. Nixon's reelection campaign. The chairmen of two of the three also pleaded guilty.