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O'Brien Files

New Suit for

\$11 Million

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Lawrence F. O'Brien, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, asked a federal court yesterday to award him \$11 million in a cross-motion filed in response to a \$2.5 million suit filed against him last September by officials of the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

O'Brien charged in his cross motion that the committee suit, filed by chairman Francis L. Dale and finance chairman Maurice H. Stans, was "frivolous both in fact and in law."

The O'Brien suit, filed in September, charges that Stans knowingly supplied \$114,000 in committee funds as part of a conspiracy to bug the Democratic National Committee's Watergate headquarters. Seven persons, including two former White House aides and the security director for the re-election committee, either pleaded guilty to or were convicted of charges of conspiracy, burglary and illegal wiretapping and eavesdropping stemming from the June 17 break-in at Democratic headquarters.

Stans also has filed a \$5 million libel suit against O'Brien.