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WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Members of the Du Pont family and top executives of the Du Pont Co. gave nearly a half million dollars in 1972 to President Nixon's re-election campaign, the Wilmington News-Journal reported Friday.

General Accounting Office records and Nixon campaign documents, made public last week, showed \$417,906 in contributions from some 70 individuals tied to the family, the paper said.

The largest single sum came from John E. du Pont, 34, heir of the late William du Pont Jr. His contributions, made after an April 7 Public Disclosure Act took effect, totaled \$141,125.

Most of the \$46,736 contributed by company executives who are not related to the family were made in donations prior to the public disclosure deadline, the paper said. All eight members of the company's executive committee were listed as substantial contributors to the Committee to Re-elect the President campaign.

Records relating to contributions prior to April 7 were made public last week.

A spokesman for the Du Pont Co., in response to questions about the contributions, said the donations were made privately and should not be considered as corporate gifts, which are illegal.

The paper, quoting sources familiar with the political spending habits of the Du Pont interests, said the 1972 contributions were not extraordinary.

The largest contribution in the state came from business magnate John W. Rollins Sr., who is not related to the DuPont Interests. He contributed about \$277,000.

Rollins contribution coupled with the \$464,642 from Du Pont Co., executives and family members accounted for about 90 per cent of 1972 Nixon campaign contributions from the Delaware area, the paper said.