

6th Company Bares GOP Gift

The Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. has acknowledged an illegal \$30,000 corporate contribution to President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.

It was the sixth major corporation to disclose publicly illicit contributions to the Nixon campaign. The Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President has already returned a total of \$395,000 to the other companies in connection with the disclosures.

A spokesman for Three M, the nation's 51st largest industrial corporation, said its contribution was made in cash, but did not say who authorized the donation or when it was received.

Three M said it has advised Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox of the \$30,000 transaction and that it, too, has asked for its money back.

Officials of American Airlines gave \$35,000 in corporate funds; Phillips Petroleum Co. \$100,000; Ashland Oil Inc. \$100,000; Gulf Oil Corp. \$100,000, and Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. \$40,000. All these contributions were returned at the request of the companies involved.

In a statement issued Friday, Three M said that it "sincerely regrets this occurrence, and steps have been taken to insure that no political contributions involving

corporate funds will be made in the future."

Federal law prohibits corporate contributions to presidential and congressional political campaigns. In Minnesota, where Three M is headquartered, a corporation can also be fined \$10,000 and even dissolved under state law for giving money to political candidates.

According to a copyrighted report by WCCO-TV in Minneapolis, former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans, then Mr. Nixon's campaign finance chairman, was honored at a March 25, 1972 luncheon hosted by Three M Board Chairman Harry Heltzer at the Minnesota Club in Minneapolis.

In another development, The Louisville Courier-Journal reported that \$100,000 in leftover funds from Mr. Nixon's 1968 campaign was secretly funneled to the unsuccessful 1971 gubernatorial

campaign of Kentucky Republican Tom Emberton.

The newspaper said the contribution, which was not disclosed to the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance, was channeled to Emberton aides by former Kentucky Gov. Louie B. Nunn.

Herbert W. Kalmbach, President Nixon's former personal lawyer, said in a deposition made public Friday that the \$100,000 was delivered to then-Governor Nunn in September, 1971, at the direction of then Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

The Courier-Journal, however, quoted Nunn as saying that he was only a "conduit" for the money. The newspaper said Nunn passed it on to Emberton campaign consultant Roy Pfautch, in the presence of Emberton campaign coordinator Fred Karem, who is now a member of the White House staff.



TOM EMBERTON

LOUIE B. NUNN

... named in funneling of 1968 Nixon campaign funds.