

Contributor To Nixon Fund Guilty

Washington

The president of a South Carolina architectural firm which designs buildings for the federal government pleaded guilty yesterday of making illegal campaign contributions to Richard M. Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.

William Lyles Sr. of Columbia, S.C., pleaded guilty to two counts of violating federal campaign contribution laws. He was fined \$1000 on each, the maximum fine. He also could have received a two-year sentence.

His company, LBC & W, Inc., of Columbia, was fined \$5000 under another count for illegal corporate contributions.

An information filed in U.S. District Court by the special Watergate prosecutor's office said Lyles handed out phony bonuses to selected employees, who were required to return the money to a special fund which was in turn contributed to Nixon political committees.

From July 20, 1971, to April 6, 1972, LBC & W, Inc., was accused of making total illegal contributions to Mr. Nixon's campaign of \$10,000.

A lawyer for the special prosecutor's office said the

information and guilty plea were agreed to based upon the absence of any direct trade-off between the firm's government contracts and the political contributions.

The pleas were the 15th from an individual and 13th from a corporation growing out of the 1972 presidential campaign.

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WILLIAM LYLES
President of firm