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McGOVERN SUES Sen. George McGovern (D., S. Dak.), who is willing to run as a Presidential or Vice Presidential candidate on the 1976 Democratic ticket, may come into a large fortune.

Several weeks ago he sued seven large corporations in Texas for \$1.09 million in damages, and he stands a good chance of collecting.

Under Texas law a candidate whose opponent received illegal campaign contributions can recover from the contributors twice the amount they contributed.

The seven corporations McGovern sued have already pleaded guilty to \$545,000 in illegal contributions and have been fined \$33,000.

The corporations charged in the suit with illegal campaign contributions to President Nixon's reelection campaign of 1972 are American Airlines, Ashland Oil, Braniff Airways, Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Gulf Oil, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, and Phillips Petroleum.

When asked what he would do with the money if he won his case, McGovern said, "Probably contribute it to charity."