

Bureaucracy Used To Reelect Nixon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration used the federal bureaucracy for political profit and appears to have violated several criminal statutes in the process, according to a Senate Watergate committee staff report.

The 140-page draft report submitted to the committee

membership for the senators' consideration was obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

It contains a lengthy analysis of the planning and operations of the White House "Responsiveness Program," which was secretly set up in 1971 to take maximum advantage of the power of government agencies to help re-elect President Nixon.

Calling it "among the potentially most dangerous activities discovered" by the Watergate committee, the report said the program "appears no less than a concerted and concealed endeavor 'to politicize' the executive branch to ensure that the administration remained in power."

One plan suggested selecting a number of populous American military bases where speeches supporting Nixon's Vietnam policy could be made while disguised as official business.