

Spiro defense

funds piling up

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Donations are pouring in for a defense fund for Vice President Spiro Agnew sponsored by Chicago millionaire W. Clement Stone.

A spokesman for Stone said that a "surprisingly large" number of donations have come in for the fund since it was announced last week.

The fund was created to handle the cost of any legal expense Agnew might incur if he is indicted by a federal grand jury in Baltimore, which is investigating charges of kickbacks to Agnew.

The Stone spokesman refused to say how much money already had been raised, point-

ing out that the money is not yet needed.

STONE HAS declined to say how much he will contribute to the fund. When he announced the fund last week he said that he "undoubtedly will make some donation, but I don't know how much. And it's going to cost me money anyway because I don't charge the fund for my services."

Stone, who contributed \$5 million to President Nixon's 1968 and 1972 campaigns, said he hoped to raise \$500,000 for Agnew.

If the fund is needed, the Stone spokesman said that it will be audited by a private outside accounting firm and the names of all contributors will be made public.