

# Rocky Puts Fortune at \$62 Million

Washington

Vice President-designate Nelson A. Rockefeller said yesterday that his personal fortune is \$62.5 million, and that he also receives income from trusts with total assets of \$120 million.

Rockefeller issued those figures in advance of congressional hearings on his confirmation, saying he wanted to set the record straight because of misleading reports of his wealth.

The total figure was believed not to include a substantial amount that Rockefeller holds jointly with his brothers.

"... Total assets owned outright and in the two trusts amount to approximately \$182.5 million," Rockefeller said in a statement distributed to newsmen.

The former New York governor, an heir to one of America's great fortunes, said he issued the statement because of earlier reports that he had filed a statement with congressional committees reporting his net worth to be \$33 million.

At that time, Rockefeller was said to be preparing a revised account of his holdings.

"I am concerned that incomplete and therefore misleading data about my personal assets have been leaked to the press before I have had an opportunity to make an orderly presentation in connection with my nomination to the vice presidency," Rockefeller said.

Rockefeller's confirmation hearings are to begin Monday before the Senate Rules Committee.

"I shall give a frank and open statement of my background, my career, my associations, my purposes, my finances, and anything else the committee and the Congress quite properly want to know," Rockefeller said. "To keep the record straight in the meantime, I announce now that the final and complete data I am submitting show the net worth of my wife and myself to be \$62.5 million . . ."

"In addition to my personal assets, I receive the income during my lifetime of two trusts with total net assets of \$120 million," Rockefeller said.

He said the leaked reports "gave a doubly erroneous

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impression" because they did not include that information.

Rockefeller said the difference between the \$62.5 million net worth figure he reported and the \$33 million reported earlier by other sources "is largely accounted for by the fact that the leaked figure did not include the value of art and real estate I have already pledged to be given away for public use and enjoyment after my death . . ."

He said that fact was shown in his original report to congressional committees.

"This factor alone accounts for \$20.5 million of the differences," Rockefeller said. "The remainder is accounted for by up-dated appraisals of art and real estate which were not available at the time of my initial submissions of data, plus some minor substantive changes."

His statement did not give details of those changes.

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