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McGovern

Tracing

Corruption

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SUPERIOR (Wis.) — George McGovern today began a calculated attempt to prove a pattern of corruption and cronyism inside the Nixon administration.

From Rockford, Ill., last night and Duluth and Superior, Wis., today, McGovern accused Nixon of:

- Permitting grain speculators, privy to inside information, to make windfall profits selling wheat to the Russians. He pegs American farmers' losses at "tens of millions of dollars" this year.
- Letting grain exporters collect \$128 million in subsidies for a week after the deadline set by the government for lowering the subsidy. The losers, McGovern charges, are consumers, bakers and all the taxpayers; the winners, powerful special interests.
- Allowing ITT to receive a \$1 billion anti-trust settlement from the Nixon Justice Department after ITT offered to "contribute \$400,-000" to the Republican convention.
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while the Justice Department, against the advice of its anti - trust experts, approved a merger of two giant drug firms. Elmer Bobst, who helped set up Nixon in his lucrative law firm, got richer by \$18 million as his drug stocks rocketed in a post - merger boom, McGovern claimed.

McGovern strategists have been amassing data on deals linking Nixon officials with big business.

Before they are through, they hope to implicate Peter Flanigan, the Wall Street financier now advising Nixon; the President's brother, Donald Nixon; Harry Dent and Murray Chotiner, long-time political tacticians for the President, and even Bebe Rebozo.