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# GAO Claims McG Money Violations

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The General Accounting Office today referred to the Justice Department three “apparent violations” of the new campaign spending law by fund raising committees for Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern.

The GAO also said it found many instances of inadequate bookkeeping by McGovern’s campaign committee which could require similar action unless “properly resolved.”

Lawrence O’Brien, McGovern’s campaign chair-

man, told a news conference he was confident that any violations were “technical.”

In its findings referred to the Justice Department, the GAO said:

- The Business and Professional Men and Women for McGovern did not comply with requirements pertaining to box office sales of tickets for a McGovern rally at Madison Square Garden in New York on June 14.

- Apparent violation of the law in acceptance of contributions from foreign nationals by a British com-

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mittee called Americans Abroad for McGovern.

- An apparent violation of the law by the National Labor Committee to Elect McGovern-Shriver in publishing a political advertisement in “five major newspapers without identifying the CWA (Communications Workers of America), COPE Political Contributions Committee and its officers as persons responsible for advertisement by virtue of having ordered and paid for the advertisement.”

The spending overseas report by the GAO — the congressional overseer of government spending — covers the first portion of an audit of the financial operations of the McGovern for President — D. C. Committee, undertaken by the Office of Federal Elections.

Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, chairman of the Republican National Committee, filed complaints with the GAO following release of a GAO report citing apparent violations by committees supporting President Nixon’s re-election effort.