

# Nixon's Re-election Panel Yields New Files to Court

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WASHINGTON, April 23 — Three cartons of elusive Republican campaign spending documents turned up in Federal District Court today as lawyers for Common Cause continued to press for full disclosure of records.

Daniel Webster Coon, a lawyer for the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, said he first learned of the existence of additional documents on Saturday, that they were delivered to his office at noon today and turned over to the court at 3 P.M. 21 APR

He said he had acted immediately because, "I don't believe in hanky-panky."

Mr. Coon said he was called last Saturday by Paul E. Barrick, treasurer for the committee, who told him he had more records.

"I was very surprised," Mr. Coon said.

He said he thought all records were turned over to the court last November, following a consent order signed by himself and other lawyers for the Republicans and Common Cause lawyers.

"I thought that was all there were at that time," he said.

The records were in cardboard boxes and appeared to be enough to fill a four-drawer filing cabinet.

Mitchell Rogovin, one of the Common Cause lawyers voiced doubt that all of the records could be in only three cartons.

"They should be bringing carloads of stuff," he said.

Mr. Coon said they were spending records, "as far as I know."

Mr. Barrick could not be reached for comment.

Kenneth J. Guido, lawyer for Common Cause, the citizens' lobby group, arrived at the court just as the documents did this afternoon.

## Court Order Sought

Despite the arrival of the cartons, Mr. Guido filed a motion asking the court to compel the production of all documents within 72 hours. If they are not produced, he told the court, the President's chief fund-raiser, Maurice H. Stans, the various Republican finance committees and their officers should be held in contempt of court.

Mr. Guido, reached later,

said he would continue to press the court action.

"The likelihood of this ending the matter is rather slim after 5½ to 6 months of chasing these documents," he said.

"Someone owes the court an explanation as a minimum and an apology."

He said he did not yet know what was in the cartons.

"The last batch looked like they were taken from the cartons and thrown down the stairs before they were delivered," Mr. Guido said. "It took all this time to make sense out of them and to know what was missing."

The actual contents are sealed by court order and open only to Common Cause lawyers. They were to have been turned over as part of the pre-trial depositions taken in the Common Cause lawsuit filed last Sept. 6 charging the committee with failure to file full financial statements in compliance with the old Federal Corrupt Practices Act. Common Cause said it had acted when Republicans refused to turn over their contribution records as the Democrats had.

Gift and spending records have been required since April 7, 1972, under new election laws. Common Cause was seeking records prior to that date.

## Gardner Presses Case

In a statement issued today in connection with the case, John W. Gardner, chairman of Common Cause, said the documents were needed "to lay bare the whole grimy story of campaign contributions" and linked it to the spreading investigation of the Watergate scandal.

"The Watergate is not primarily a story of political espionage, nor even of White House intrigue," Mr. Gardner said. "It is a particularly malodorous chapter in the annals of campaign financing. The money paid to the Watergate conspirators before the break-in—and the money passed to them later—was money from campaign gifts. It was not found in a peapatch."

He said the Watergate affair had exposed to a startled nation not just the nether world of politics, but the underground streams of cash that flow in that world.