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## A Report on Sources Of Secret GOP Fund

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The Manchester Union Leader said in a copyrighted story yesterday that the secret campaign fund used in part to finance the Watergate affair was collected in part by the White House "inner circle" from Las Vegas gambling interests and the Teamsters Union pension fund.

In a Washington dispatch, the Union Leader said that during the 1972 campaign, Murray M. Chotiner, long-time fund raiser for Mr. Nixon, received a contribution of \$175,000 from Team-

sters President Frank Fitzsimmons.

"This amount was raised by Fitzsimmons who gave orders to 'ante up' \$1000 apiece' to all the union's vice-presidents and organizers. The money reportedly was not listed on Mr. Nixon's campaign lists but was kept in a secret fund maintained by Chotiner," the story said.

Later additional campaign donations of \$300,000 each were given to Chotiner by a Teamster representative, the story said, attributing the information to Teamster sources.

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