

Innocent Plea In Campaign Fund Case

Washington

In a six-minute, arraignment at U.S. District Court yesterday, the Nixon campaign finance committee pleaded innocent to a three-count criminal information charging it with failing to report or keep proper records on a \$200,000 cash donation from financier Robert L. Vesco.

The Justice Department filed the charges against the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President for not reporting the contribution which was received three days after a new financial disclosure law took effect April 7, 1972.

The committee's counsel contended Vesco had promised the donation before the law took effect.

Vesco, a New Jersey financier, was indicted in New York Thursday with former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans on charges stemming from Vesco's alleged attempt to buy Government favors with his campaign contribution.

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