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## Nixon Unit Donation To Agnew Backers Not Listed as Such

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 6 (AP)—The chairman of Maryland's Republican party said today that organizers of a 1972 fund-raising event honoring Vice President Agnew hid for nearly a year a \$49,900 contribution from the national Committee for the Re-election of the President.

Alexander M. Lankler Jr. acknowledged that the money, given at the June 14, 1972, event at first had been attributed to 31 individuals who gave no contributions.

It was not until last Friday that the organizers amended their official state financial report, deleting the names of the 31 persons and substituting the Committee for the Re-election of the President as the source of the \$49,900.

Mr. Lankler said in a telephone interview that the actual source of the money would not have been disclosed had it not been for the Watergate and other scandals.

"There is an entirely different kind of political climate today than a year ago," Mr. Lankler said.

He said that the role of the national committee was hidden to make it appear the Agnew affair had been more successful than it was in attracting donations from individuals.

"This was just a public thing," he said. "It was political puffery to make it look as good as possible."