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A McGovern Fund Drive Under Probe

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The FBI said yesterday it is conducting a "preliminary" investigation of financial aspects of Senator George S. McGovern's 1972 Democratic presidential campaign here at the specific request of special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox.

Herbert Clough, special agent in charge of the New Haven office, FBI, said agents are reviewing contribution and spending records filed by McGovern campaign groups and that persons involved in the unsuccessful campaign will be interviewed this week.

"We are conducting a preliminary and limited investigation at the specific request of special prosecutor Archibald Cox into an allegation brought to his attention by a private citizen," Clough said. He declined to give details.

Former campaign officials for the South Dakota senator here said they had no knowledge of the investigation. "We raised over \$350,000 which was pretty fantastic," said Robert Barrows, a realtor for McGovern in this state, "said Robert Barrows, who was co-chairman of the McGovern committee. "But I can't imagine why they would be investigating."

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