

\$100,000 Donation

Phillips Oil Gift To Nixon Fund

Bartlesville, Okla.

Phillips Petroleum Co. announced yesterday that its chief executive officer contributed \$100,000 in company cash to President Nixon's re-election campaign without permission of the company's directors.

A spokesman said W.W. Keeler, Phillips board chairman until last year, made the contribution, and said special prosecutor Archibald Cox has been notified.

In Washington, a spokesman for the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President said the donation from the corporation had been returned earlier yesterday by a check made out in the amount of \$100,000 to Phillips Petroleum Co.

The spokesman said the money was returned "because we don't accept illegal contributions."

He said the committee had not been informed originally that the contribution came from a corporate source, "and, in fact, we were given to understand the contribu-

tion came from individuals in Oklahoma."

The contribution was the latest in a series returned by the committee to corporations. Federal law prohibits an individual from donating or receiving campaign gifts from corporations, labor unions or banks, and provides for fines up to \$10,000 and two years imprisonment for violators.

Contributions returned by the committee include \$100,000 from Gulf Oil Corp., \$40,000 from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., \$100,000 from Ashland Oil, Inc., and \$55,000 from American Airlines.

In St. Paul, Minn., Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co. revealed yesterday it made an illegal \$30,000 contribution to President Nixon's campaign in 1972.

The company reported that it has advised Archibald Cox, the government's special prosecutor in the Watergate case, of the contribution.

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