

Millionaire's Fund For Agnew Defense

Chicago

Formation of a Spiro Agnew defense fund was announced yesterday by Chicago millionaire insurance man W. Clement Stone, with Senator Barry M. Goldwater among the trustees.

Stone, who is reported to have contributed \$5 million to President Nixon's campaigns in 1968 and 1972, met with the vice president in Washington this week and agreed to launch the fund, aides said.

In a formal statement, Stone said: "A nonpartisan group of citizens, acting in their firm belief in the constitutional principle, has formed the Agnew defense fund to ensure that Mr. Agnew has the best possible legal counsel to defend himself and his constitutional office."

Stone said he, Goldwater, and former Missouri Governor Warren E. Hearnes, a Democrat, were trustees of the fund.

Stone said "an impressive number of spontaneous offers of financial support" already were being made to Agnew from all over the country.

"We believe in the Ameri-



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Big GOP contributor

can tradition that a man is innocent until proven guilty," Stone said. "Anyone agreeing with us who wishes to make a contribution, large or small, may send a check or money order to the Agnew defense fund, Suite 200, 222 West Adams street, Chicago, Illinois, 60606."

The address is that of the W. Clement Stone Enterprises, which takes care of Stone's non-insurance operations.

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