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**Senator Says Minority Concerns  
Were Solicited for Nixon Funds**

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP) — Members of minority groups who were recipients of Small Business Administration contracts were urged in 1972 to contribute to President Nixon's re-election campaign, a Senate subcommittee disclosed today.

A letter written by Charles Wallace, president of the Wallace and Wallace Fuel Oil Company Inc., of Hollis, N. Y., went to all of the agency's minority contractors, said Senator Alan Cranston, Democrat of California, chairman of the Small Business Subcommittee.

Mr. Wallace, identified by a Cranston assistant as a major New York supporter of the President and a large contributor to his campaign, could not be reached for comment.

In a letter dated, Sept. 12, 1972, Mr. Wallace said, "I cannot tell you how important it is that we go out into the field and try to get the President re-elected."

A questionnaire enclosed asked the minority businessman if he supported the President's efforts to help minorities and asked if he would "get out and help the President be re-elected so that he can continue this program."

"If your answer is 'No,' please let me know so that we can attempt to solve your problem," the Wallace letter added.

Attached to each letter was a copy of a September, 1971, letter from Mr. Nixon praising the agency's program to award

Government contracts to minority businesses.

Senator Cranston said the Wallace letter clearly suggested that if minorities with S.B.A. contracts wanted to keep receiving Government assistance "they should contribute to the Committee to Re-elect the President."

Senator Cranston said the letter and what he called other new evidence of "improper political interference" with the agency had been turned over to the Senate Watergate committee.

The agency's administrator, Thomas Kleppe, appearing today before the subcommittee on a matter affecting the agency's loan authority denied that agency loans or contracts had been awarded for political purposes.