

**\$1.8 Million**

# Watergate Staff Reports Envoys' Campaign Gifts

Washington

U.S. ambassadors overseas gave more than \$1.8 million to President Nixon's re-election campaign, according to a confidential report by the staff of the Senate Watergate committee.

The report said that eight non-career ambassadors appointed by the President since the Nov. 7, 1972, election each gave a minimum of \$25,000 and contributed a total of \$706,000 over-all to Mr. Nixon's campaign.

"Six large contributors, who contributed an aggregate of over \$3 million, appear to have been actively seeking appointments at the time of their contributions," the report said.

It noted an "unusually large" concentration of non-career ambassadors in more desirable European embassies, each of whom gave \$100,000 or more.

The report noted that at a Feb. 25, 1973, news conference the President denied ambassadorships were for sale and said he would never appoint any person who was not clearly qualified "apart from his contribution."

"Exactly one year later, his personal attorney and one of his principal fundraisers, Herbert Kalmbach, became the first person in recent times to be convicted for 'selling an ambassadorship,'" the report said.

Kalmbach has pleaded guilty to offering a reassignment arrangement to J. Fife Symington while he was the American envoy to Trinidad and Tobago.

But the evidence contained in the Watergate committee report also provided the first indication that Mr. Nixon's lawyer had tendered a second illegal offer to an incumbent ambassador.

The report said Kalmbach made assurances of reassignment to Vincent de Roulet, then ambassador to Jamaica. De Roulet contributed \$100,000, but resigned in 1973.

While it is not illegal for ambassadors or other public officials to contribute to political campaigns, the U.S. criminal code prohibits the promising of government employment as a reward for supporting a candidate for federal office.

The staff report was made available to the Associated Press by a source close to the Watergate committee.

It lists contributions made

to the 1972 Nixon campaign by ambassadors to eight Western European countries.

They are: Walter Annenberg, ambassador to Great Britain, \$250,000; Shelby Davis, ambassador to Switzerland, \$100,000; Ruth Farkas, ambassador to Luxembourg, \$300,000; Leonard Firestone, ambassador to Belgium, \$112,000; Kingdon Gould, ambassador to The Netherlands, \$100,900.

Also John Humes, ambassador to Austria, \$100,000; John Irwin, ambassador to France \$50,500; Arthur Watson, also ambassador to France, \$300,000; John Moore, ambassador to Ireland, \$10,442.

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