

3M Pleads Guilty in Campaign Contributions

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ST. PAUL., Minn.—The 3M Co. yesterday pleaded guilty to five counts of making illegal corporate contributions to political campaigns in violation of Minnesota law.

The company was fined \$5,000 by Ramsey County District Court Judge Harold W. Schultz.

Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing's retired vice president, Irwin Hansen, pleaded guilty to three counts of aiding and abetting the illegal contributions and was fined \$3,000.

Minnesota attorney general Warren Spannaus said the company had made more than 390 contributions from 1963 to 1972, totaling at least \$635,000. Recipients included both Republican

and Democratic candidates in Minnesota and other states.

The roster included Democratic Gov. Wendell Anderson of Minnesota, Democratic Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey and Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota and the Nixon presidential campaign.

Spannaus said he had found no evidence that candidates receiving the funds knew they came from corporate coffers.

The company had been fined \$3,000 in U.S. District Court on Oct. 17, 1973, for contributing \$30,000 to the Nixon re-election committee. The chairman of the board of 3M, Harry Heltzer, was fined \$500 in the same action.