

Textile Gift to Nixon Unit Beat Reporting Deadline

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Nov. 25 (AP)—Textile executive Roger Milliken delivered \$363,122.50 to President Nixon's chief campaign fund raiser one day before secret contributions were outlawed, the Charlotte Observer said in Sunday's editions.

The paper said most of the money delivered to Maurice H. Stans by Milliken on April 6, 1972, came from Southern textile manufacturers. The cash and checks represented a big slice of some \$430,000 that textile executives contributed to the President's re-election fund before the April 7, 1972, deadline, it said.

A spokesman at Milliken's Spartanburg, S.C., residence said Milliken was not available for comment.

The Observer said textile executives it interviewed in the last few weeks denied making any illegal corporate contributions.

There is no available evidence, the newspaper said, that any of the textile money given to the Nixon campaign came from company funds, which would have been illegal.

The paper said Milliken cut short a vacation to make a trip to Washington to deliver the campaign funds. The story also said much of the money had been solicited personally by Milliken.

The news account said that Milliken, president of Deering Milliken, Inc., one of the nation's largest textile firms, is influential in the industry and especially in the South Carolina area of his firm's Spartanburg headquarters.

The paper said Milliken was unavailable for an interview last week but his office issued a statement confirming that he enthusiastically raised money for Mr. Nixon last year and delivered it personally to Washington.

The newspaper said that throughout the first Nixon administration, the textile industry vigorously pushed for White House help on a variety of issues.

The most prominent of these, the account said, was the matter of textile im-

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ports, which the President had publicly pledged to find ways to restrict.

The President delivered on that pledge, the newspaper said, with import-quota agreements worked out with four Asian nations in October, 1971.