

# Du Pont \$500,000 Gifts to Nixon

Wilmington (Del.)

Members of the du Pont family and top executives of the Du Pont Co. gave half a million dollars to President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign, the Wilmington News Journal said yesterday.

General Accounting Office records and Nixon campaign documents made public last week showed \$417,906 contributions came from about 70 du Pont family members and relatives, the paper said.

The largest single sum came from John E. du Pont, 34, heir of the late William du Pont, Jr. His donations, made after a public disclo-

sure act took effect April 7, 1972, totaled \$141,125.

Most of the \$46,736 contributed by company executives who are not related to the family were made in donations prior to the public disclosure deadline, the paper said.

A spokesman for the Du Pont Co., in response to questions about the contributions, said the donations were made privately and should not be considered as corporate gifts, which are illegal.

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