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OIL AND POLITICS

Rep. Les

Aspin, 35, a Democrat of Racine, Wis., has repeatedly criticized the Nixon Administration's energy policies, charging that the "entire burden of solving the energy shortage has been thrown on the consumer --not the oil companies."

"In fact," Aspin contends, "the oil companies have been the chief beneficiaries of the crisis, reaping huge windfall profits and also undermining the environmental movement."

Aspin, who was graduated from Yale in 1960 and holds a master's degree from Oxford and a Ph.D. in economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, recently compiled with his

staff a telling 58-page study which states that oil company officials, principal stockholders, and the five Rockefeller brothers who owned 1 percent of Exxon stock, contributed \$5,250,540 to Nixon's reelection campaign.

"Three oil companies, Gulf, Phillips, and Ashland," says the Congressman, "have each admitted illegally donating a total of \$300,000 in corporate funds to the President's campaign. The contributions were later returned."

"Officials of Gulf Oil were the leading contributors with a total of \$1,176,500. All but \$44,500 of the contribution was secret--\$100,000 was a secret corporate contribution and \$1,003,000 was given by Mr. Richard Scaife, heir to the Gulf-Mellon fortune."

Herewith Aspin's breakdown of oil companies and their contributions open and secret to the Nixon reelection campaign:

Company	Total Contribution	Secret Contribution
1. Gulf Oil Co.	\$1,176,500	\$1,132,000
2. Amerada Hess Corp.	261,956	211,000
3. Getty Oil Co.	179,292	77,500
4. Standard Oil (Calif.)	166,000	102,000
5. Sun Oil Co.	157,798	60,000
6. Pan Ocean Oil Corp.	137,035	—
7. Phillips Petroleum Co.	137,000	100,000
8. Exxon	127,747	100,672
9. The Williams Companies	117,596	—
10. Shaheen Natural Resources	104,000	—
11. Ashland Oil, Inc.	103,500	100,000
Totals:	\$2,668,424	\$1,883,172