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Is Raised

By Percy

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Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-Ill.) has raised \$135,000 to finance his exploration of prospects for a presidential bid in 1976.

One of the largest contributors, besides Percy, who has given \$5,000, is his daughter, Sharon, who contributed \$3,500. She is the wife of John D. Rockefeller III, former West Virginia secretary of state and unsuccessful Democratic gubernatorial candidate in 1972.

Other major contributors include William Graham, an executive of Baxter Laboratories of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nielson of the television rating company. Graham and the Nielsons gave \$5,000 each, according to reports filed with the General Accounting Office.

Percy is the only Republican with announced presidential ambitions who has filed public financial reports with the GAO.

Technically, he doesn't have to, because federal law requires reports only from individuals or contributors who expect to spend money to influence a nomination or election, and Percy says he is just exploring.

Minnesota Sens. Walter Mondale and Hubert H. Humphrey are the only Democratic personalities who have filed reports or have registered committees so far. A Humphrey spokesman, however, said that his Triple H Committee was formed chiefly to pay off debts from past campaigns.

Percy's Chicago-based exploratory committee has spent \$78,000 since it was formed in February, 1973.

The Mondale Volunteer Committee, based in Minneapolis, has raised \$16,477 in its first two months of operation.

The committee's first financial report this month listed six \$1,000 contributors: attorney David Babson Jr. of Stamford, Conn., attorney Albert Beveridge III of Washington, free-lance writer June Bingham of Washington, Minnesota attorney Robert S. Nickloff, New York executive Harold Wilt and Scott Donaldson, a professor at William & Mary College.