Singer Aide Indicted in Funds Case

BALTIMORE. June 14 (AP) The special federal grand jury probing Maryland political corruption indicted a Singer Co. executive yesterday on charges of conspiring to make an illegal corporate contribution through J. Walter Jones, the chief 1972 Nixon-Agnew fundraiser in the state.

Martin J. Leader, 51. of Silver Spring, Md., was hamed in a three-count indictment handed up to U.S. District Court Judge Alexander

Harvey.

Leader is the finance manager for the Silver Spring operations of Singer's Simulated Products Division.

The indictment of Leader by the special grand jury is the latest move by Barnet D. Skolnik and Daniel J. Hurson, assistant U.S. attorneys, in rear-raigning defendants in the case which first surfaced in March.

An indictment handed up March 6 alleged that Jones, a close associate of Spiro T. Agnew; the Singer Co.; Raymond A. Long, president of the Singer division, and two others conspired to make an illegal \$10,000 campaign contribution by reporting it as a bogus consulting fee.

The Singer Co. pleaded guilty to a related charge earlier this week and was fined \$2,500 after federal prosecutors agreed to drop the felony corruption counts. All but one of the other defendants has either had the charges dropped or entered no contest pleas.

Only Jones of the original defendants remains charged and is scheduled to face trial. Leader, who was named as an unindicted coconspirator in the original indictment, now faces separate charges as a defendant and possible witness in the case againt Jones.