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 Rich Nixon Contributor

Price Favoritism Denied

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Insurance multimillionaire W. Clement Stone said yesterday that Senator George McGovern's inference that his contributions to President Nixon's campaign resulted in a preferential ruling by the Price Commission is "false, outrageous and purely political."

McGovern said in New York Wednesday that he wanted to know how much Stone had contributed to Mr. Nixon's campaign, and asked, "How much did . . . Stone invest to protect his stake in a Price Commission that would write a narrow exception permitting his insurance company to avoid

controls?"

McGovern said a December 22 commission ruling permitted Combined Insurance Co. to raise its rates by 10 to 44 per cent.

Stone, chairman of the board of Combined Insurance, said in a statement, "I have . . . expressed frequently and always upon in-

quiry that my contribution to the Nixon campaign in 1968 was more than \$500,000 and that in 1972 I've done no less.

"I resolved not to ask for or accept favors. Everything we have done has been within the Price Commission guidelines and there were no favors asked or granted."

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