

Large Nixon Funds

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Violations in the handling of nearly \$500,000 in campaign funds by President Nixon's re-election committee have been found by the Government Accounting Office, the Washington Post reported in today's editions.

The Post attributed the report to "several reliable sources" and said that among the irregularities found by the GAO was a \$100,000 "campaign security fund," from which \$25,000 was deposited in the bank account of one of the suspects in the Democratic

Party headquarters break-in in June.

But Republican sources said any violations would be nothing more than administrative oversights, the newspaper reported.

'Oversights'

The Post said that violations cited by their sources include failure to report receipts and expenditure of funds received by the Committee for the Re-Election of the President after April 7 — the effective date of the new campaign finance disclosure law under which the GAO is currently conducting an audit.

The \$500,000, the Post said, is made up of about \$200,000 in unreported contributions; another couple hundred thousand dollars in unreported expenditures; the \$100,000 campaign security fund; some errors in reporting a \$50,000 itemization; and an undisclosed amount — probably small, the Post said — of loose cash at the Nixon Committee.

'Slush Funds'

The Post said the audit turned up evidence of several special accounts or accumulations of cash that they described as "slush funds."

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Such items, the Post said, did not appear to be included in the regular bookkeeping maintained by the President's committee.

One such fund of about \$100,000 was designated for campaign security, the Post said, while a \$25,000 campaign check deposited in the Miami bank account of one of the suspects in the Democratic break-in on June 17 was taken from this fund, the paper said.

Confirmed

An official of the Nixon committee, meanwhile, confirmed the GAO findings and

said some persons at the committee were "deeply troubled" by the GAO information, the Post said.

The committee official said that the Nixon committee will argue that the questioned funds were collected before April 7 and therefore do not fall under the jurisdiction of the GAO audit.

The Post said that its sources and the Nixon campaign official were in dispute about whether most violations were technical in nature or more serious ones that could be referred to the Justice Department for criminal action.