

Hid Vesco Gift, Claim

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WASHINGTON — The Justice Department charged the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President today with failure to make required reports and maintain records on a \$200,000 campaign contribution by financier Robert L. Vesco, who was in trouble at the time with the government.

Outgoing Attorney General Richard C. Kleindienst said a three-count criminal

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information was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington.

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The Justice Department said the committee, acting through its chairman, former commerce secretary Maurice H. Stans, received a \$200,000 contribution from Vesco on April 10, 1972, three days after the 1971 Federal Election Campaign Act requiring disclosure of major campaign contributions and expenditures went into effect.

A federal grand jury in New York has been investigating business dealings by Vesco, who already is a defendant in a civil suit brought by the securities and exchange commission accusing

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him of "looting" \$224 million in mutual funds.

The information charged that Stans failed to report receipts of money to committee treasurer Hugh P. Sloan Jr. as required by the campaign act.

A second count accused the committee of failing to keep records of the donation and the name and occupation of the contributor.

The third count accused the committee, acting through Sloan, of failing to report the contribution to the Office of Federal Elections of the General Accounting Office.

Neither Stans nor Sloan was charged. The maximum penalty upon conviction on each count is \$1000.