

Airline Wants Its Money Back

New York

American Airlines said yesterday it has formally requested the return of a \$55,000 illegal corporate contribution it has admitted making to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

An American spokesman said the request was made by the company's legal counsel Friday, the same day the airlines publicly confessed to making the donation.

American Airlines chairman George A. Spater said then that the money was given after Nixon's personal

lawyer, Herbert W. Kalmbach, asked for \$100,000 from the company. Federal election laws forbid corporate contributions to political campaigns.

Asked whether the company had received a reply to its request for return of the funds, the spokesman said, "No, we're optimistic, but we have not heard back."

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