

Campaign Funds For Favors Told

New York

A Nixon campaign worker, now an assistant Secretary of Agriculture, solicited campaign funds from a meat company executive last year, telling him large contributions would bring a rising scale of rewards.

Both men said they had discussed the treatment the White House would give large contributors, but each recalled the details of the conversation differently.

At the time of the conversation, March or April last year, Currier Holman and his company, Iowa Beef Processors, Inc., of Dakota City, Neb., were under investigation by the Federal Organized Crime Strike Force of New York and by Manhattan District Attorney Frank S. Hogan.

In October, 1972, Holman contributed \$2000 to the Nixon campaign.

In March this year, Holman and his company were indicted by a state grand jury for conspiracy to bribe union and supermarket officials to sell the company's products here. Holman was also indicted on similar charges by a federal grand

jury.

Clayton Yeutter, assistant secretary of agriculture for marketing and consumer services, who solicited funds from Holman, had resigned another Agriculture Department post to work in the campaign. He said he had not known of Iowa Beef's problems "until the thing hit the papers."

Holman, reached last weekend at his home in Sioux City, Iowa, recalled what Yeutter had told him. He said:

"If you gave \$25,000, if you had a problem, you could talk to someone in the White House. I think I said, 'What if I gave more?' and he said maybe the yardstick would be for \$25,000 you get to talk to somebody in the White House, a cabinet officer or someone like that. For \$50,000 you get to talk to the President.

"I can't remember the exact amounts, really, but I remember something to the effect that with a very large contribution you can talk to the President — if you had a serious problem."

Yeutter, who returned to the Agriculture department after the election, discussed

Thin Cat Financing

Washington

The Democratic National Committee, seeking to capitalize on the Watergate scandal as a symbol of fat cat political financing, announced yesterday a new direct mail campaign for small but regular contributions.

"We believe that the unprincipled influence-peddling to big Republican contributors exposed by the Watergate affair has renewed the determination of Democrats everywhere to keep our party as the party of the people," chairman Robert S. Strauss said.

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various amounts of money with Holman and the rewards that might go with those amounts.

"But it was purely a public relations kind of thing," Yeutter said. "And I probably said something about the large contributors getting invited to a White House function, and maybe medium contributors having lunch with Stans or cabinet officers. It was definitely not that you could come and talk to the President about your problems."

Maurice H. Stans, former Secretary of Commerce, headed the Nixon fundraising drive.

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