

## G.A.O. Sees Election Law Violations by Nixon Unit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UPI)—An investigation by the General Accounting Office disclosed today three apparent legal violations in the handling of funds to hire two reporters to spy on George McGovern's 1972 Presidential campaign.

Controller General Elmer B. Staats referred the results of the investigation to the Justice Department for "appropriate action."

The apparent violations of

the Federal Election Campaign Act, according to the G.A.O., stem from payments of \$35,000 by the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President of Murray Chotiner, then President Nixon's chief political strategist.

The money was used to pay Seymour K. Freidin and Lucianne C. Goldberg, known by the code name, "Chapman's friend," but was reported by the committee as reimbursement of travel and other re-

lated expenses for Mr. Chotiner.

The apparent violations included failure to keep a detailed account of expenditures made by Mr. Chotiner and identifying Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Freidin as the ultimate recipients; failure to keep documentary support for payments made to the two journalists; and failure to report the identity of persons to whom payments exceeding \$100 were made—namely Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Freidin.

The investigation was handled by the Federal Elections Office, a branch of the G.A.O. The report said that Mr. Chotiner, head of the Ballot Security Task Force of the committee hired Mr. Freidin and Mr. Goldberg to monitor the campaigns of several Democrat candidates for the presidential nomination. They were paid by Mr. Chotiner's law practice account.

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