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Bush Reports

GOP Progress In Fund-Raising

LOS ANGELES, May 15 (AP) — Watergate notwithstanding, the Republican Party is alive and well and the national committee's fund-raising drive is running 20 per cent ahead of the 1973 tempo, says GOP National Chairman George Bush.

He told the United Republican Finance Committee here Tuesday that big GOP donors have dropped off this year but the number of small contributors—those giving less than \$100—was running strong. The party hoped to match 1973's fund-raising total of \$5.5 million, he said.

Bush said he could not conceive of any circumstances in which he would feel compelled to advise President Nixon that he should step down in the interests of the Republican Party.

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