

## Controller of Currency Finds No Wrongdoing in Bank Case

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (AP) —The controller of the Currency said today that there was no wrongdoing involved in the awarding of a national bank charter to applicants including a Republican fund-raiser and a contributor to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

"This is one of the cleanest cases I've ever seen," declared the controller, William B. Camp.

"This case was obviously so good on the banking and economic factors that we could handle it with dispatch," he told newsmen.

Mr. Camp's comments came as he released a letter to Representative Wright Patman, chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee. Mr. Patman had requested the file on the case after news reports linked one of the bank applicants, Dwayne Andreas, with a \$25,000 contribution to the President's campaign.

### Vehement Denial

In vehement terms, Mr. Camp said no political influence had been exercised in the awarding of the charter.

Asked if he had been talked to by anyone in the Administration or in the re-election campaign of President Nixon, he replied that "nobody has ever called this office" about this particular case.

"I have been here 37 years, and I don't give a damn whether you're a Democrat or a Republican or a Farm Laborite, if you're not a good guy, you're not going to get a charter," he declared.

Edward Driscoll of the Minnesota Department of Commerce told The New York Times Friday that the

approval of the charter for a bank in a Minneapolis suburb had come "pretty fast" and prior to action by the state, contrary to custom.]

Mr. Andreas is a contributor of \$25,000 to President Nixon's campaign. He gave the contribution to Kenneth H. Dahlberg, Midwest campaign finance chief for the Presidential re-election campaign.

Mr. Dahlberg was also listed as one of the five applicants for the charter for the Ridgeway National Bank at Minnetonka, Minn.

The application was filed May 26 of this year and approved by Mr. Camp Aug. 22.

"The Controller's office attempts to process all new bank proposals within 90 days after receiving a fully documented application," said Mr. Camp in the letter to Mr. Patman.

Other applicants included Frederick L. Deming, who also was designated agent for the bank; C. Bernard Jacobs, and Eugene T. Montgomery. All listed their addresses as Minneapolis with the exception of Mr. Andreas, whose address was listed as Miami Beach.

Each of the five applicants is a director of National City Bank of Minneapolis, which is controlled by Independent Bancorporation, a bank holding company that would also control the Ridgeway bank, according to records released by Mr. Camp.

Mr. Andreas's \$25,000 contribution turned up in the bank accounts of Barnard L. Baker, one of the suspects in the June 17 break-in at Democratic national headquarters here.