

\$700,000 for Nixon--

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Patman's Report

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Texas fund-raisers for President Nixon carried \$700,000 to Washington in an oilman's suitcase last April 5 to beat the new campaign disclosure act by two days, a confidential congressional study charged yesterday.

The report, compiled by investigators for the House Banking and Currency Committee, also quoted a Texas fund-raiser as alleging — and Maurice H. Stans as denying — that Stans approved the channeling of \$100,000 in contributions through Mexico to cloak the identity of large donors.

Stans, the former Commerce secretary, is finance chairman for the Committee to Re-elect the President.

The report, a copy of which was obtained by the Los Angeles Times, was distributed yesterday to banking committee members by Representative Wright Patman (Dem-Tex.), the panel's chairman. It questioned whether federal laws were violated by the Nixon committee's failure to document the source of the contributions from Mexico.

"We do not know whether these funds were raised in the United States or Mexico, and we do not know whether they are the type of funds which could be legally contributed to or received by a political committee," Patman said in a covering letter.

The report said the suitcase full of money was carried to Nixon committee headquarters by Roy Winchester, an officer of Pennzoil United Corp. of Houston, on a company airplane. Among the contents of the suitcase were checks for \$89,000 which wound up in the bank account of a suspect in the break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters.

These checks were signed by Manuel Ogarrio Da-

guerre, a Mexico City attorney with business ties to one of the Texas fund-raisers.

Winchester's trip was made two days before the April 7 effective date of a new federal election law which requires strict identification of the source of campaign donations. The Nixon committee has refused to identify \$10 million in contributions received before that date.

Pointing out that a contribution from a Mexican national would violate federal law, the Patman report quoted Stans and other GOP officials as saying they understood the contribution was actually made for other persons.

In addition to \$89,000 in checks, the suitcase contained another \$11,000 in cash from Mexico and about \$600,000 principally raised in Texas by a group which included William Liedtke, president of Pennzoil, and Robert H. Allen, president of Gulf Resources and Chemical Co. of Houston, the report said.

Liedtke said he had asked Stans if there were any legal problems with obtaining campaign funds from Mexico. Liedtke said he told Stans the money belonged to American citizens, but was located in Mexico or would be carried there.

According to the Patman report, Stans contradicted Liedtke's version when the former Commerce secretary talked to House investigators on August 30. Stans denied he had ever authorized or had knowledge about transferring campaign funds through Mexico.

But on September 5, the Patman report said, Stans gave "new answers." Stans wrote Patman he recalled being "informed by our Texas chairman (Allen) of a possible contribution of \$100,000 in U.S. funds in Mexico."

Stans has said he did not know how the \$89,000 in checks and a \$25,000 campaign check from Florida wound up in the bank account of Bernard L. Barker of Miami, one of five men arrested for breaking into Democratic headquarters last June 17.