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# Bank Break For a GOP Contributor

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Figures released yesterday in connection with a probe of national bank charters show a charter for a Republican fund raiser and a campaign contributor was approved more swiftly than the vast majority of applications.

Of 424 applications for Federal charters received over the last five years, only 12 were approved with greater speed than one made by Dwayne O. Andreas and Kenneth H. Dahlberg, according to figures released by Comptroller of the Currency William B. Camp.

Andreas, who made a \$25,000 contribution to President Nixon's re-election campaign, and Dahlberg, a Midwest finance chief for the Republicans, were among applicants for a charter for the Ridgeway National Bank in Minnetonka, Minn.

The award of the charter 86 days after application

was made spawned considerable controversy when it was made public last month. Camp vehemently denied political influence.

"This was one of the cleanest cases I've ever seen," Camp told newsmen at the time.

Camp also told newsmen then that most applications were processed within 90 to 100 days.

However, the figures Camp released yesterday showed that 69.7 per cent of the applications took longer than 130 days to process. The figures also showed that only 50 of the 424 applications were processed in under 100 days.

Camp released the figures yesterday in response to a request from Representative Wright Patman, chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee.

The \$25,000 contribution to the Nixon campaign which Andreas made has been traced to a Florida bank account of Bernard L. Barker, one of the seven men charged in the June 17 break-in and bugging of the Democratic National Committee headquarters here.

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