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The Man Who Gave Nixon \$990,000

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A big hunk—nearly \$1 million — of the money that went into President Nixon's re-election drive before April 7 came from Pittsburgh millionaire Richard Mellon Scaife.

Scaife acknowledged last night that before the April 7 reporting date he had made out 330 separate checks on behalf of Mr. Nixon's re-election, each for \$3000.

His total contribution for Mr. Nixon's re-election drive so far is \$990,000.

He said, "I've also made other contributions to House and Senate races around the country . . . they total probably another \$60,000 to \$70,-

000."

Scaife, a principal heir to the vast Mellon fortune, said he also contributed heavily to Mr. Nixon's campaign in 1964, and "to congressional and senatorial campaigns in '66 and '70 and so on."

Scaife heatedly denied a report that his contribution was aimed at getting him named Ambassador to Great Britain.

Scaife said the reason that each check was made out to a separate committee for \$3000, was so that he would not have to pay gift taxes. This is standard practice for large contributors to political parties.

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