

Nixon Fund Charges

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WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Justice Department today accused the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President and three defeated congressional candidates of violations of federal election laws.

The four criminal actions were filed in U.S. District Court here.

The eight-count criminal information filed against President Nixon's finance committee charged that the committee, through its treasurer, Hugh Sloan, gave

G. Gordon Liddy, a legal adviser to the panel, cash sums of \$12,000, \$12,000 and \$5300, without receiving a receipt.

The committee was charged in three counts with failing to report these expenditures to the General Accounting Office and with failing to obtain a receipt for and make a GAO report on an additional \$2000 Liddy spent.

Maximum penalty upon conviction on each count is one year in prison and a

\$1000 fine.

Others charged were:

● Fritzjof P. Thygeson, a Peace and Freedom Party candidate for the House of Representatives in the 40th District of California who won the June 6 primary but was defeated in the general election.

● Charles W. Johnson, Democratic candidate for the House in the 17th District of Ohio who lost in the May 2 primary.

● William C. Haden, Democratic candidate for

the House in the 14th District of Pennsylvania who lost in the April primary.

Two-count informations were filed against Thygeson and Johnson charging both with failing to file candidate reports of contributions and expenditures on the 15th and fifth days before the primaries in which they ran as required by federal law.

A one-count information charged Haden with failure to file a report within five days before the primary in which he ran.