

Nixon Campaign Gift--New Charge

Washington .

A \$200,000 contribution by an internationally prominent financier to President Nixon's re-election campaign apparently was a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act, Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats said yesterday.

Staats accused the finance committee of the Committee to Re-elect the President of failing properly to account for and report receipt of \$200,000 from Robert L. Vesco, former board chairman of Investors Overseas, Ltd., and of International Controls Corp.

Staats referred the report on the Vesco contribution to the Justice Department and asked Attorney General Richard J. Kleindienst to investigate whether any other contributions were not reported as required by the law.

A spokesman for the re-

election committee called it an "irresponsible" charge. He said the committee "properly concluded" that the money was contributed on or before April 6, one day before the federal law went into effect.

Staats' action was based on the recommendation of Phillip S. Hughes, director of the Office of Federal Elections, who conducted the investigation.

Staats charged that the \$200,000 was turned over April 10, three days after the law stated contributions had to be made public and filed with the General Accounting Office.

The investigation was undertaken as a result of statements in a legal deposition made by Harry L. Sears, an attorney who served as associate counsel and as a director of the International Controls Corp.

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