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Nixon Fund Spent to 'Fabricate Publicity'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Nixon campaign committee spent \$8400 — mostly in \$100 bills — on a publicity drive aimed at fabricating bipartisan support for the president's decision last spring to mine Haiphong harbor, the Washington Post reported today.

It said \$4400 was spent on a "deceptive, apparently illegal" advertisement in The New York Times rebutting that paper's editorial position.

The Post said that, al-

though the half-page ad appeared to have been prepared and purchased by a nonpolitical citizens' group, it actually was paid for with Nixon campaign funds.

Stating the expenditures never were reported to the General Accounting Office as required by law, the Post said the campaign also included writing and paying for telegrams of support sent to Nixon as well as for rallies and an organized telephone campaign supporting the decision to mine North Vietnamese harbors.

The Post said the expenses were authorized by Nixon's deputy campaign manager, Jeb Stuart Magruder. It quoted an unnamed former Nixon campaign official as saying the Committee for the Re-election of the President was "totally mobilized for the biggest piece of deception — we never do anything honestly."

"Imagine the President sending himself telegrams, patting himself on the back," the Post quoted the official as saying.