

# One Indicted in the False Listing Of Donors to Agnew Fund Event

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ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 13— One person was indicted on four charges today involving the false listing of 32 contributors to a Salute to Ted Agnew fund-raising event held during the 1972 Presidential campaign.

Martin A. Wolff, a deputy state's attorney for Anne Arundel County, announced the indictments but refused to identify either the person charged or the charges themselves until papers are served on the defendant.

The charges were developed in a hurried grand jury investigation here prompted by disclosures during the Senate Watergate hearings that the Committee for the Re-election of the President had lent the Agnew Salute Committee \$50,000.

## Concealment Acknowledged

Alexander M. Lankler, chairman of the Maryland Republican party, subsequently acknowledged to reporters that the loan was concealed in a report to the state election board as 32 bogus contributions.

The purpose of the falsification, which was also confirmed by B. H. Wharton, treasurer of the salute committee, was to create the impression that there was strong financial backing for the event, honoring the Vice President according to Mr. Lankler.

At a news conference this afternoon, Mr. Wolff said the

investigation had been "short on time and short on records," referring to the fact that the statute of limitations for violations of the state election law runs out this Friday, a year from the date of the filing of the campaign report.

The grand jury heard testimony from a total of seven witnesses, including an auditor for the Federal General Accounting Office, the investigative agency of Congress that is charged with monitoring 1972 campaign contributions.

Yesterday the jury took sworn testimony from four persons who had been listed among the 32 false contributors.

## Comments on Testimony

Mrs. J. Walter Jones, the wife of a prominent real estate dealer who is a close associate of the Vice President, told reporters after her appearance that she "had answered everything they wanted to know."

Mr. Lankler, in explaining the falsification to reporters, said it was done to "make the testimonial look even better than it was."

The \$50,000 loan, which was repaid to the Nixon campaign, apparently was given in exchange for a \$150,000 contribution from an unnamed Maryland resident to the Nixon campaign, according to Nixon reports filed with the G.A.O.