

# Montoya 'Laundry' Reported

New York

The Wall Street Journal reported yesterday that Senator Joseph Montoya, a Democratic member of the Senate Watergate investigating committee, had more than \$100,000 "laundered" through dummy committees in financing his 1970 re-election campaign.

The newspaper implied that Montoya failed to comply with campaign finance reporting laws of his home state of New Mexico with respect to out-of-state fund-raising.

Among the matters being considered by the Watergate committee are allegations of money laundering and other questionable financial activities in the Republican campaign for President Nixon's re-election.

Montoya, in a statement issued in Washington, denied the Journal report.

He said he had checked



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**SENATOR MONTOYA**  
**He denied the charge**

with his committee chairmen and they told him he had complied with state law and his report on New Mexico fund-raising activities was legally filed.

Montoya's statement, denying the Journal story, said it apparently was based on a 1972 law rather than the less stringent one in effect in 1970.

"The receipts and expenditures relating to New Mexico have been handled properly," his statement said.