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# White House Funds Aided Weicker

Washington

Senator Lowell P. Weicker acknowledged yesterday that he had received a substantial contribution from a secret White House political fund during his successful 1970 campaign for the Senate.

The Connecticut Republican denied that his receipt of the funds — which reportedly totaled \$65,000, raised in part by Herbert W. Kalmbach, President Nixon's former personal attorney — was in any way improper.

"Everything was properly reported," the Associated Press quoted the senator as saying.

The Washington Star-News reported that Weicker was one of more than 20 Republican recipients of an estimated \$1.5 million in cashier's checks distributed to Republican candidates in 1970.

The Star-News quoted Senate Watergate committee investigators as saying that the fund-raising operation — out of a basement backroom in a Washington townhouse — was under the direct supervision of H. R. Halde- man, the former White House chief of staff.

Weicker, a member of the Watergate committee, left the hearing to tell newsmen that his Washington, D.C., finance committee received about \$78,000 in donations during 1970, all of which, he said, was eventually transferred to his campaign committee in Connecticut.

Weicker said that the contributions were fully reported to the secretary of state's office in Connecticut.

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