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**Illegal \$100,000 Contribution  
Is Returned to Oil Company**

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HUNTINGTON, W. Va., July 25 (AP)—The chairman of the board of Ashland Oil, Inc., said yesterday that an illegal \$100,000 contribution made by his company to the Committee for the Re-election of the President last April was returned "approximately a week or 10 days ago."

Ashland last week acknowledged it made an illegal contribution to President Nixon's 1972 campaign. The company said the gift was made by a subsidiary without the knowledge of the board of directors.

In a statement released by Ashland Friday, the board chairman, Orin E. Atkins, said the contribution had been made from corporate funds and when that fact was discovered the campaign committee was notified.

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