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Vesco Gift To Campaign Is Reported

Financier Robert L. Vesco gave President Nixon's re-election campaign \$51,000 after his \$200,000 contribution that resulted in the indictment of two former Nixon Cabinet members, a government report shows.

The report, issued this week, shows that Vesco, now believed to be living in Costa Rica, donated \$51,000 to Mr. Nixon after he contributed \$200,000 that led to the indictment of John N. Mitchell, the former Attorney General and Maurice H. Stans, the former Commerce Secretary.

Mitchell, the Nixon campaign manager, and Stans, the chairman of the President's finance committee, were indicted in May for lying to a grand jury and obstruction of justice. The indictment alleges that Vesco secretly paid \$200,000 to the Committee for the Re-election of the President in return for help in quashing an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission into four companies Vesco controlled.

A campaign financing report issued by the General Accounting Office shows that Vesco also made 15 contributions to various Nixon cam-

campaign groups totaling \$51,000. The donations were made in September and October of last year, shortly before the election.

The earlier \$200,000 contribution, made in cash in \$100 bills, was returned to Vesco this January when the apparent conflict of interest with the SEC case became known. The Nixon re-election committee has been convicted in U.S. District Court for failing to report the contribution.

The SEC charged last November that Vesco and 41 others "spirited" away \$224 million away from four mutual funds controlled by investors Overseas Services Ltd., the financial empire built by Bernard Cornfeld in Switzerland and later sold to Vesco in 1971.