

## Abplanalp Wants His Money Back

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Robert H. Abplanalp, one of President Nixon's closest friends, has been trying for nearly a year to get the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, to reimburse him for a \$25,000 loan.

The loan was made to the Conservative party campaign committee for the Nixon-Agnew ticket last October but, according to the Abplanalp attorney and Conservative party officials, the loan was supposed to have been repaid by the re-election committee, which coordinated all fundraising for the national ticket.

The loan was disclosed by Conservative party officials and William Griffin, Abplanalp's attorney, when they asked about reports that the General Accounting Office was investigating whether the \$25,000 was a loan or a contribution.

The Committee to Re-Elect the President, which has not been disbanded, largely because of the legal problems growing out of the Watergate scandal, has dis-



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bursed several million dollars in recent months for legal fees and returns of questionable contributions from corporations and other donors.

Griffin said he had been to Washington several times in the last year to try to obtain reimbursement.

Asked if his client, Abplanalp, didn't have influence with the committee, Griffin only laughed in reply.

Abplanalp lent Mr. Nixon the money for the down payment on his San Clemente estate and then bought most of the property back in a joint arrangement with another close friend of the President, C. G. Rebozo.

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