

Phillips' Illegal Gifts

Washington

Phillips Petroleum Co. yesterday became the seventh corporation to plead guilty to donating its money illegally to President Nixon's 1972 campaign.

During proceedings in federal court, assistant special prosecutor Thomas McBride said Phillips also had disclosed that it made other illegal donations, totaling \$50,000 to \$60,000, to a substantial number of congressional and Senate candidates, and he said the recipients are under investigation. McBride didn't name them.

Phillips, which voluntarily admitted the illegal \$100,000 Nixon gift several weeks ago, was fined the maximum \$5000.

The company's former chairman William W. Keeler also pleaded guilty to a



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WILLIAM KEELER
A \$1000 fine

related charge and was fined the maximum \$1000.

Seven corporations have admitted making illegal gifts to Mr. Nixon.

It is a federal crime knowingly to receive corporation money for use in a political campaign.

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