

SUIT SEEKS A LIST OF NIXON DONORS

Common Cause Asks Names of \$10,000 Contributors From Promotion Agency

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 — Common Cause, a citizens lobby, moved today to subpoena from a New York sales promotion agency a White House list of contributors of \$10,000 or more to President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.

The agency, Robert Brian Associates, Inc., has been involved in mailing commemorative gifts to major financial supporters of Mr. Nixon.

Attorneys for Common Cause also said they would question the company's executives in an attempt to uncover campaign contributions that they believe were made secretly and have not been reported by the President's campaign organization.

Kenneth J. Guido Jr., a Common Cause attorney, said that an analysis of available data indicated that several million dollars in contributions to the Nixon campaign may still be unaccounted for.

Robert M. Sandelman, president of Robert Brian Associates, confirmed his company's role in mailing the gifts but said he did not currently have any Republican mailing lists.

Aides Subpoenaed Earlier

Already under subpoena from Common Cause in a campaign funding disclosure suit it initiated last year are Charles G. Rebozo, who is chairman of the Key Biscayne Bank and Trust Company and a close personal friend of the President; H. R. Haldeman, the President's former White House aide; and Herbert W. Kalmbach, the President's former personal attorney and a major fund-raiser for his 1972 campaign.

The latest development in the lawsuit became known today when Common Cause filed a "notice of taking of deposition" in United States District Court. The notice said that the lobby group would subpoena mailing lists and other documents from Robert Brian Associates.

It said the lists had been used to mail medallions to Nixon campaign fund contributors.

Mr. Guido said in an interview that Common Cause had received information that the company had mailed medallions to all contributors of \$10,000 or more. The list of donors allegedly was provided to the sales promotion house by the

White House staff of Mr. Haldeman, he said.

Mr. Sandelman, when informed of the court action, confirmed that his company had been involved in such activities in both 1968 and 1972.

He said that medallions had been mailed out in 1968, using mailing lists provided by Nixon campaign officials. He said his company had incorporated the medallions, which were prepared elsewhere, into ornamental housings, but said he could not recall whether they had been mailed by Brian Associates or had been returned to campaign officials for mailing.

"It was very, very confidential, and I've been instructed not to talk about it," he said in a telephone interview.

Mr. Sandelman said that medallions had not been used in the 1972 campaign. "In 1972 we did something else," he said. He declined to specify what sort of memento had been used in 1972 or how many mementoes had been mailed to Nixon supporters in either 1968 or 1972.

Missing Names Sought

Mr. Guido said that a subpoenaed list, if produced, would be compared with official lists released by the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President and by the General Accounting Office. The comparison could reveal missing names on the official lists, he said.

Watergate investigators and independent analysts have long believed that a number of large, unreported contributions to the President have never been made public.

The Watergate special prosecutor has uncovered illegal campaign contributions by seven large corporations, all of whom were found guilty and fined after they came forward voluntarily.

Other cases are being prepared against companies that did not voluntarily testify before the special prosecutor, and some jail sentences for business executives are expected to be recommended.

In addition to its mailing list subpoena, Common Cause filed notice today that it would subpoena campaign contribution records from George D. Webster, a Washington lawyer who headed a group called Lawyers for Nixon.

In a separate filing yesterday, Common Cause renewed its attempts to subpoena Charles G. Rebozo, the President's friend, and Patrick J. Hillings, a Washington lawyer who has represented the Associated Milk Producers Inc. The Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President has attempted to quash the two subpoenas.

The lobby group wants to question Mr. Rebozo about \$100,000 that he has admitted receiving from Howard R. Hughes, the millionaire. It wants to ask Mr. Hillings about a pledge of \$2-million from milk producers, which was later reduced to \$1-million.