

## Aspin Study of Defense Firms' Gifts to Nixon

Washington

A study of contributions to President Nixon's 1972 campaign shows that defense contractors gave more than \$5.4 million in open and secret contributions, Representative Les Aspin (Dem-Wis.) said yesterday.

Calling the study "solid evidence of the endless trade-off between big business and the Pentagon," Aspin said it showed that commercial interests have "a stake in maintaining a bloated military budget."

Aspin's study was based on published lists of individual and corporate contributors to the Nixon campaign, and it counted money given by principle stockholders in such corporations as coming from the defense contractors themselves.

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