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**Nixon's Re-election Panel Dies,  
But Finance Unit Is Remaining**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UPI)—The Committee for the Re-Election of the President has gone out of existence without public notice, but its finance committee, which handled an estimated \$60-million in campaign funds, was still in operation today.

A spokesman for the finance group said the re-election committee, headed first by John N. Mitchell and then by Clark MacGregor, ceased operations Oct. 31. The finance committee continues in operation at the same premises at 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue with a skeleton staff.

#### Two Under Indictment

Both units were heavily involved in the Watergate disclosures. Mr. Mitchell and the former finance chairman, Maurice H. Stans, are under indictment on charges connected with contributions for the Nixon campaign from Robert L. Vesco, the fugitive financier.

Robert R. Rousek, director of communications for the Repub-

lican National Committee, said it was his understanding that the finance committee would have to stay in operation because of a number of pending lawsuits against the committee and its officers.

#### Leftover Funds

Asked about the disposition of any leftover funds, Mr. Rousek said that the party's national chairman, George Bush, "still hopes to be first in line but there is no way to touch it until the civil suits are settled."

"We don't want to buy ourselves into those suits in any way," he said. "Our counsel here says if we touch that money before the suits are settled, we may become co-defendants."

Of the re-election committee files, Mr. Rousek said it was his understanding that most of them had been sent to the National Archives. He said he did not believe any had been turned over to the national committee.

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