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Nixon Fund Aid To Stans

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Leftover 1972 Nixon campaign funds will be used to pay nearly \$400,000 in legal expenses of former fundraiser Maurice H. Stans, according to a report filed with the government.

Trustees for \$3.4 million held by the 1972 Campaign Liquidation Trust also expect to decide whether to pay legal costs for former campaign manager John N. Mitchell. They also have been presented a bill for \$27,873 by lawyers for Edward Nixon, brother of President Nixon.

Stans and Mitchell were acquitted in federal court this spring on charges arising from a \$200,000 secret contribution to the Nixon campaign by fugitive financier Robert Vesco.

Before joining the campaign in 1972, Stans was secretary of commerce and Mitchell was attorney general.

The trust, which holds money unspent by the Committee for the Re-election of the President, operates under articles which provide that legal fees may be paid for former employees of the campaign who are acquitted of charges arising from their campaign work.

A report of trust finances as of May 31 was filed Monday with the General Accounting Office.

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