

# Scathing Look at Nixon Financing

Washington

Concluding that President Nixon's 1972 campaign "spanned the entire spectrum of corrupt campaign financing," a Senate Watergate committee staff report said yesterday that some contributions were tinged with extortion and bribery.

The 41-page report said there was evidence of illegal corporate contributions, huge cash contributions which were "legal and illegal," and unlawful donations by foreign nationals.

The report, approved by Chairman Sam J. Ervin Jr., was sent to other members of the committee for their consideration for a final report. A copy of the report was obtained by United Press.

The report included a conclusion of the findings of an investigation into campaign spending and recommendations to restrict future abuses. A report detailing specific violations of the campaign spending laws is expected by the end of the week, according to committee sources.

"The abuses uncovered in connection with the 1972 presidential campaign spanned virtually the entire spectrum of corrupt campaign financing practices," the report said. "Some solicitations were tinged with extortion and some contributions were tinged with bribery."

A federal grand jury in Washington is still investigating abuses in Mr. Nixon's campaign financing. This week, Herbert W. Kalmbach, Mr. Nixon's former personal lawyer, was sentenced to six to 18 months in jail and fined \$10,000 for violating campaign laws in relation to his fund raising.

In addition, 12 executives and ten corporations have pleaded guilty to making illegal corporate contributions. Charges are pending against others.

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individual to \$3000 and from a group to \$6000.

The report made no recommendation on the public financing of campaigns, noting the committee is sharply divided on the issue.

The main recommendation would create a nonpartisan, independent Federal Elections Commission to

police campaign spending. An effective commission would be the "most significant reform that could emerge from the Watergate Scandal," the report said.

The report recommended that campaign spending in a presidential race is to be limited to 12 cents for each person of voting age in the

nation. This would amount to about \$22 million in the 1976 election.

Government reports have shown that Mr. Nixon spent \$60 million in 1972, and committee sources said that a final accounting will show the figure is closer to \$65 million.

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ganizations pooled their resources and gave control of large kitties to a handful of representatives to make contributions — and to engage in discussions or negotiations related to their self interests," the staff report said.

"Huge cash contributions — legal and illegal — were transported to campaign offices in everything from plain white envelopes to airline flight bags and utilizing corporated funded tickets and even corporate jets," the report said. "The resources of corporations and government contractors were tapped."

The report contained a number of recommendations for legislation to cut campaign financing abuses. Included were proposals to limit cash contributions \$100, put a ceiling on expenditures for presidential campaigns, and limit total contributions from a single