

Report finds Nixon financing was shady

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WASHINGTON— One volume of the Watergate Committee's final report focuses on how the major presidential candidates raised the more than \$100 million used in the 1972 presidential races.

Among the findings:

- A dozen corporations illegally donated \$749,000 to the Nixon campaign.

"While there is no evidence that any fund-raiser for President Nixon directly solicited a corporate contribution, there is evidence that a number of them either were indifferent to the source of the money or, at the very least, made no effort whatsoever to see to it that the source of the funds was private rather than corporate," the committee said.

- Nixon's chief fund-raiser, Herbert W. Kalmbach, concentrated on rich individuals and got promises

of more than \$13.4 million in donations. More than half of it was promised following a White House dinner attended by the President and a few millionaires: Clement Stone, John Mulcahy, Richard Scaife, Kent Smith and John Rollins.

- A survey of top corporate officials showed they gave 100 times more to President Nixon's campaign than to that of his Democratic opponent, Sen. George McGovern. The committee found that Nixon fund-raisers "engaged in systematic solicitation of campaign contributions from corporate executives and middle management salaried employees."

- By contrast, McGovern received 15 times as much support from a sample of labor unions as did Nixon. "No evidence of illegal union activity was found," the report said.

- The committee said it had found no evidence that McGovern had violated the law against corporate campaign donations.