

Nixon Donations-- The Secret Source

Washington

Former Montana Governor Tim Babcock has been identified as the source of \$54,000 in cash delivered to the 1972 Nixon campaign under the names of various donors, the Washington Star-News said yesterday.

It is illegal for donors to give to federal candidates under the names of other persons. The Star-News said it understands the donations are under investigation by Watergate prosecutors.

Babcock was an official of Occidental Petroleum Co., whose chairman, Armand Hammer, gave \$46,000 to Mr. Nixon. The Star-News said this makes about \$100,000 from officials of the same firm.

Babcock resigned his Washington job with the firm a month ago and returned to Montana where he is engaged in private business. The Star-News said he refused to discuss the \$54,000.

The newspaper said the files of the Senate Watergate Committee show Babcock gave \$15,000 of the sum at a fund-raising dinner September, 1972, and was publicly reported as the donor. But it

said the rest of the money was listed under the names of four Montana residents.

The files show Babcock delivered \$25,000 in cash to the Nixon campaign in the week before the general election, and that \$14,000 was delivered two months later, the newspaper said. But the Nixon campaign reported the donors of the money this way:

\$15,000 from Jerome Anderson, a Billings attorney.

\$10,000 from William Holter, state Republican chairman, Great Falls.

\$10,000 from Gordon Doering, a Helena dentist.

\$4,000 from Elmer G. Balsam of Miles City.

Anderson told the Senate Watergate Committee in a written questionnaire that Babcock loaned him the \$15,000, the Star-News said. Doering said his \$10,000 had been advanced by Babcock and Holter also said he received a personal loan from Babcock.

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