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**Watergate statute expires**

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WASHINGTON — The statute of limitations ran out yesterday on prosecution of illegal campaign contributions to Richard M. Nixon before April 7, 1972.

Before the new federal election campaign act became effective on that date, fund-raisers for President Nixon gathered about \$20 million, much of it in illegal corporate contributions.

Watergate prosecutors eventually got guilty pleas from 17 corporations and 15 corporate officials, mostly in connection with these contributions.

The statute of limitations ran out on the prosecution of any additional violations that may have occurred before April 7, 1972.

Jules Witcover says the statute of limitations is five years.

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See NYT 8 Apr 75 [UPI], and column by William Safire, NYT 28 Apr 75.