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2d Judge Bars Guilty Plea

On Gift to Nixon Campaign

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—The second Federal court judge has refused to allow industrialist Armand Hammer to plead guilty to making an illegal \$54,000 contribution to Richard M. Nixon's 1972 Presidential campaign.

United States District Court Judge Lawrence Lydick said he was concerned that Mr. Hammer's emotional state might play too great a role in putting pressure on him to plead guilty. A Federal Court judge in Washington earlier made a similar ruling. The case then was transferred to Los Angeles because of Mr. Hammer's health.

The 77-year-old head of Occidental Petroleum Corporation has been hospitalized since Jan. 20 for a heart condition.