

Nixon Aide Denies Big Bribe Try

Washington

A former Nixon aide denied in testimony yesterday that he had sought a \$1 million political contribution from the Grumman Corp. in exchange for White House support of the firm's effort to sell planes to Japan.

Richard Allen was testifying before the Senate multinational corporations subcommittee, which is holding hearings on the foreign activity of U.S. companies.

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On Monday, Thomas Cheatham, former president of Grumman's foreign sales subsidiary, Grumman International, said that Allen had told him it ought to be "worth about one million dollars" for the 1972 Nixon reelection campaign for then President Nixon to discuss Grumman aircraft sales with Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka.

Grumman said in a statement issued after Cheatham's appearance before the subcommittee on Monday that no contributions were made to the Nixon campaign.

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