

FORMER NIXON AIDE DENIES SOLICITING CAMPAIGN FUND

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (UPI)—Richard V. Allen, former deputy assistant to President Nixon for international economic affairs, today strongly denied that he had ever solicited an illegal campaign contribution from the Grumman Corporation.

At a hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Allen rejected the allegation made Monday to the panel by Dr. Thomas Cheatham, former president of Grumman International. Dr. Cheatham testified that Mr. Allen had asked for a \$1 million campaign contribution in return for getting President Nixon to help in promoting the sale of Grumman aircraft in Japan.

"I have no way of knowing what the possible motivation of this allegation might be," Mr. Allen said. "I know only one thing: Richard V. Allen never had any such conversation with Dr. Cheatham or anyone else."

He said that he had met with Dr. Cheatham several times beginning in October 1971. But he denied soliciting a campaign contribution in April 1972.

"I'm here to say the allegation is false," Mr. Allen said.

"I was out of the loop," he added, explaining that he was planning to leave government at that time. "I had no function in fund-raising."