

IRS Seizes Part of Nixon Fund

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The Internal Revenue Service has seized \$550,508 of the \$1.3 million surplus still remaining from the 1972 Nixon re-election campaign, according to records filed recently with the Federal Election Commission.

The IRS acted February 22 to ensure payment of back taxes on money that was used to pay for the June 11, 1972, Watergate breakin and bugging and later cash payments to Watergate defendants, according to the records.

Former Senator Charles Potter

(Rep-Mich.), chairman of the 1972 Nixon Liquidation Trust that controls the surplus campaign fund, said yesterday that IRS acted because it "wanted to protect itself" by making "sure we didn't pay any claimants" before satisfying the tax agency.

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