

Philanthropist to Match Funds For Mayor and Badillo in Race

Stewart R. Mott, the young philanthropist who backed both Governor Rockefeller and Senator Eugene J. McCarthy for President last year, has taken a full-page advertisement in today's New York Times, offering to match contributions to the primary campaigns of Mayor Lindsay, a Republican, and Herman Badillo, a Democrat.

Mr. Mott, who is 31 years old, said he wanted to make sure that the voters had a choice between two good candidates. He said he supported both candidates mainly because both have good records on two of his major interests — arms control and birth control, causes to which he had donated heavily.

In an interview yesterday, Mr. Mott said that he had placed the ad — which cost \$7,440 — because he had determined that "neither candidate has the nomination sewed up and neither has enough money."

Mr. Mott said neither candidate had advance knowledge about the offer in the ad. He made no mention of it to the Lindsay camp, and all he told a Badillo aide was "look in Tuesday's paper."

The philanthropist derives his income — estimated at about \$1-million annually — from funds set up by his father, Charles S. Mott of Flint, Mich., who will be 94 next Monday.

The elder Mr. Mott, an automotive pioneer, who is a senior member of the board of directors of General Motors and one of the company's largest



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stockholders, is one of Michigan's leading philanthropists, with his wealth estimated at \$800-million.

The younger Mr. Mott, who lived on a Chinese junk berthed in the East River part of the time he was attending Columbia University, described his father as a conservative Republican who differed sharply with his choice of liberal, progressive candidates.

However, Stewart Mott added that "the family relationship is quite cordial even though we are at odds politically."