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2 Indicted in Aiding AMPI Campaign Gifts

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Two partners in a computer-mail firm were charged yesterday by Watergate special prosecutors with misdemeanor counts of aiding and abetting the donation of \$82,000 in corporate money from the milk producers to the campaigns of Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, (D-Minn.), Sen. James C. Abourzek (D-S.D.) and others.

The partners, John Valentine and Norman Sherman, are named in criminal information filed in U. S. District Court in St. Paul, Minn., and announced at the office of the Watergate Special Prosecution Force here.

The Valentine-Sherman partnership furnished computerized mailing lists paid for out of corporate funds by the nation's largest dairy cooperative, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., and used in a number of Democratic campaigns information charges.

The former second-in-command of the milk producers, David L. Parr, pleaded guilty recently to a felony conspiracy count in connection with the corporate payments.

Valentine and Sherman had told investigators they expected Parr would pay them with political money, not corporate money, but that they

accepted the corporate money on the legal advice of Humphrey's campaign manager, Minneapolis attorney Jack Chestnut. Chestnut invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to testify when questioned about the matter by the Senate Watergate committee.

The criminal information cited payments of \$25,000 for Humphrey's presidential primary campaign, \$7,000 for Abourzek's 1972 Senate campaign in South Dakota and \$50,000 "intended to benefit various Democratic Party candidates for federal election office in the state of Iowa."

Previously, Watergate prosecutors said this payment was intended for the campaign of Sen. Richard Clark (D-Iowa) but he has denied this, stating the money was paid before he declared his candidacy.

Sherman, of Washington, D. C., was press secretary to Humphrey when Humphrey was Vice President. Valentine, who has an academic background in political science, keeps his offices in Minneapolis.

The charges against Valentine and Sherman each carry a maximum punishment of up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.