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MILFORD (N.H.) — (AP) — The man who ran Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty's unsuccessful campaign in the New Hampshire Democratic primary says he got help from the Republican National Committee in preparing attacks on Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Maine).

Robert Philbrick said yesterday he was contacted by John Lofton Jr., editor of the official Republican newsletter "Monday," near the end of 1971.

He said Lofton sent him information to be used against Muskie "about once a week for two or three months. And there were many telephone calls offering to help us gather any information we needed."

Contacted in Washington, Lofton confirmed Philbrick's report. He said the purpose of the offer was to cause dissension among the Democrats.

He said that was a "justifiable campaign tactic."

Lofton said all of the material he sent was on stationary bearing the Republican National Committee letterhead, but Philbrick said other than the first mailing the material came in plain envelopes and there were no markings on the stationary.

Philbrick said the first mailing he received contained a personal card identifying Lofton as affiliated with the GOP committee.

Muskie won the New Hampshire primary in a close contest with Sen. George McGovern, the eventual Democratic presidential nominee.

Philbrick said Lofton told him the GOP committee had computer information on Muskie which the Yorty campaign might be able to use.

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