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GOP's Offer That He Could Refuse

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A Fresno attorney and former classmate of Donald H. Segretti, who is accused of recruiting agents to sabotage political campaigns involving Democrats, said yesterday he was "casually" contacted by Segretti about working in the campaign.

Oliver W. Wanger, 31, who went through law school with Segretti at the University of California's Boalt Hall, said, "There is really nothing to it. We've been friends for years and he just casually mentioned it."

Wanger said Segretti did not tell him who he was working for but Wanger said he assumed it was for the Republican party because Segretti asked if he knew any Republicans in the San Joaquin Valley who might be interested.

Wanger said Segretti did not mention any specifics but talked about recruiting someone "who could stand up at a rally for McGovern and ask him about abortion."

"I turned him off right away," Wanger said, adding he was too busy with his law practice and teaching duties at the San Joaquin College of Law.

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