

Florida Man Pleads Guilty on Letter in Campaign

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TAMPA, Fla., May 11 (AP) — An accountant pleaded guilty here today to charges of distributing during the Florida Presidential campaign a phony letter charging two Presidential candidates with sexual misconduct.

George Hearing, the accountant, and Donald Segretti, a Los Angeles lawyer, and Nixon campaign figure, were accused in a two-count Federal indictment last Friday in Orlando of publishing and distributing a letter printed on the campaign letterhead of Senator Edmund S. Muskie of Maine and with conspiracy to distribute it.

The bogus letter accused two

of Mr. Muskie's Democratic rivals, Senators Henry M. Jackson of Washington and Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota of sexual misconduct.

United States District Court Judge Ben Krentzman said the plea by Hearing was part of a bargain worked out with the prosecution and that he would rule June 15 on whether to accept it after receiving a presentence report.

In the meantime, Judge Krentzman told Hearing to enter a plea of not guilty to the conspiracy count, saying the prosecution was prepared to dismiss that count in return for the guilty plea on the first count.

Mr. Segretti, 28 years old, is

scheduled to be arraigned in Tampa May 17.

Hearing, 40, of Tampa, was accompanied by his attorney, Ralph Rousseau.

"He sincerely regrets his part in this affair," Mr. Rousseau said after the brief court proceedings.

"In pleading guilty to this one count he is motivated solely to cooperate with the Government and help them clear up any loose ends that they might feel still exist."

Mr. Rousseau emphasized that Hearing did not know, nor had ever talked with Mr. Segretti.

Hearing faces a maximum sentence of one year and a \$1,000 fine.