

Gurney Says He Didn't Know of 'Wrongdoing'

Jacksonville

Senator Edward J. Gurney (Rep-Fla.) said last night there had been "wrongdoing" in campaign fund-raising in his behalf, but insisted he personally had done nothing wrong.

"I wish to state categorically that I have not engaged in any wrongdoing . . . I did not know it was going on," said Gurney during a televised news conference called to answer allegations that \$300,000 was raised for a Gurney "slush fund" by former Republican

party worker Larry E. Williams in 1971 and 1972.

"I received none of this money," Gurney said.

Gurney conceded he had been "careless" in keeping an eye on "what had been going on around me."

The Miami Herald has said in a series of stories that Williams collected funds from building contractors in return for favorable treatment from Federal Housing Administration appointees of Gurney.

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