

GOP Aide Tells Florida Infiltration

TAMPA — (AP) — A 26-year-old aide to a Republican state legislative candidate says she infiltrated state headquarters of Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Edmund Muskie during Florida's March primary campaign on behalf of the GOP.

Patricia "Peg" Griffin told the Tampa Times yesterday she was recruited by Robert Benz, who until last week was campaign manager for GOP Florida House candidate Conway Brock.

"I'm actually relieved you found me," she told a newsman yesterday. "This has been an awful weight on my conscience. I'd been waiting for that knock on the door, and now I'm glad it's finally come."

She said it was she who pursued obtained the serial numbers of typewriters and other equipment from the Washington office of U.S. Rep. Sam Gibbons of Tampa, a Democrat.

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