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New Report on Gurney

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Former Senator Edward Gurney and a young female companion used an apartment in Puerto Rico owned by a south Florida builder in 1972 after arrangements had been made by political fund-raiser Larry Williams, a U.S. District Court jury was told yesterday.

Arthur Litt, who was with Cosmopolitan Construction

Co. at the time, testified he went to the airport in Puerto Rico in October or November, 1972, to pick up Gurney at the direction of builder Sumner Kramer of Miami.

Kramer had testified Monday that Williams had used his apartment at Miami's posh Jockey Club on several occasions and had asked him in 1972 if his apartment in Puerto Rico could be made available to Gurney

and Williams for a vacation.

Kramer said he notified an employee in Puerto Rico to pick up the senator on his arrival, and yesterday Litt testified he had done so.

Gurney's wife has been ill and institutionalized most of the time since his election to the Senate in 1968. The couple has three children, two grown daughters and a son, who died in 1968.

Gurney and four co-

defendants are charged with conspiring to defraud the government by collecting political contributions from Florida builders in return for favorable consideration on federal mortgage insurance applications.

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