

U.S. Sums Up Gremillion Case

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A United States attorney said today that testimony of a secretary who said she once received a telephone call from Atty. Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion asking for "my dividend check" cannot be disputed.

Attorney Edward J. Barnes Jr. made the statement this morning in the government's closing arguments in the federal perjury trial of Gremillion.

The case is expected to go to the jury today following U.S. Dist. Court Judge Fred J. Cassibry's charge to the jury.

BARNES RECALLED for the jury the testimony of Mrs. Janyce Colman Degan, a former secretary for the Louisiana Loan and Thrift Co., in which she said Gremillion asked for the check.

Barnes contended that segment of testimony is "not controverted."

Barnes also read to the jury portions of a transcript of the LL&T meeting in which Gremillion was said to have urged those involved with the firm to assist Ernest Bartlett, one of the firm's organizers, to make money.

Throughout his arguments, Barnes cited passages from a federal grand jury transcript as the perjury trial jury flipped through the transcript.

Gremillion is charged with lying in 1969 to a federal grand jury investigating the affairs of the now-defunct Louisiana Loan and Thrift Corp. The government contends he lied when he said he owned no stock in LL&T, that he received no dividend check from the firm, that he signed no voting proxies and that he had no economic interest in LL&T.

GREMILLION'S WIFE, Doris, took the witness stand in her husband's defense yesterday, testifying they decided to accept a fee from the company

rather than stock to pay her medical expenses.

"We needed the money and did not need any long-term investment," she said.

Mrs. Gremillion also testified that a \$700 check her husband received was a political contribution. She said that William A. Glennon Jr. personally de-

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livered the check to their home in Baton Rouge.

GLENNON TESTIFIED earlier that he endorsed a \$700 dividend check over to Gremillion but that the check was given to a secretary to be forwarded to Gremillion. Glennon said he did not recall having told anyone the check was a campaign contribution.

Mrs. Gremillion identified her signature on a registered mail receipt the government has sought to show was for 10,000 shares of LL&T stock mailed to the attorney general. But Mrs. Gremillion said she opens all mail in their home and that she never opened an envelope containing stock.

"I know there was no stock in that envelope or any other envelope" she said.