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GEORGE HEARING Campaign sex letter

A Guilty Plea In Phony Letter Case

Tampa, Fla.

Accountant George Hearing pleaded guilty yesterday to charges of distributing during the Florida presidential campaign a phony letter charging two presidential candidates, with sexual misconduct.

Hearing and alleged political saboteur Donald Segretti, 28, a Los Angeles attorney and Nixon campaign figure, were accused in a two-count federal indictment handed down last Friday in Orlando of publishing and distributing a letter printed on the campaign letterhead of U.S. Senator Edmund S. Muskie of Maine and with conspiracy to distribute it.

The bogus letter accused two of Muskie's Democratic rivals, Senators Henry M. Jackson of Washington and Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, of sexual misconduct.

Hearing faces a maximum sentence of one year and a \$1000 fine.

Segretti is scheduled to be arraigned in Tampa on May

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