

Fake Letter Man Jailed In Florida

TAMPA, Fla., June 15, (AP) — Accountant George Hearing was given a maximum one year prison sentence today on charges of distributing a phony letter during the 1972 presidential campaign in Florida.

Hearing, 40, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ben Krentzman, who described the Tampa man's actions as "immoral."

An Orlando federal grand jury indicted Hearing, together with alleged political saboteur Donald Segretti, 28, a Los Angeles attorney and Nixon campaign figure.

The two were accused of publishing and distributing a letter printed on the campaign letterhead of Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine) and with conspiracy to distribute it.

The bogus letter charged two of Muskie's primary opponents, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) with sexual misconduct.

Hearing pleaded guilty to one count of the two-count indictment. Segretti has entered an innocent plea. The prosecution agreed to dismiss one of the counts against Hearing in return for his pleading guilty.