

How Nixon Friends Helped Gurney

Miami

Presidential confidante C. G. (Bebe) Rebozo and former White House adviser Murray Chotiner were among contributors who gave \$20,800 in May to Senator Edward Gurney's 1974 re-election effort, the Miami Herald said.

Gurney, (Rep-Fla.), received the money from a fund-raising cocktail party held May 23 after he had

been appointed to the Senate Watergate Committee, the Herald said in today's editions.

An aide to Gurney was quoted as saying the contributions represented no conflict of interest.

Gurney, described by ousted White House counselor John W. Dean III as the only sure ally President Nixon had on the committee, used the money to start a cam-

paign fund for his 1974 re-election race, the Herald said.

Rebozo, Chotiner, and I. Lee Potter, an employee of the Republican National Committee, each bought \$100 tickets to the reception, the newspaper said.

A \$200 contribution was made by Charles H. Morin, a member of the Colson and Shapiro law firm headed by former White House special

counsel Charles W. Colson, the Herald said. Testimony before the Senate committee has linked Colson to the Watergate coverup.

Jim Groot, a Gurney aide, said no contributions came from anyone who has been mentioned in connection with Watergate.

"I hadn't even thought of it that way (as a conflict of interest)," Groot said.

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