

# Nominee For Envoy Admits Gift

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Kingdon Gould, ambassador-designate to the Netherlands, acknowledged yesterday that he made a \$51,000 contribution to President Nixon's re-election campaign last year.

At his nomination hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Gould said he gave the money while he was ambassador to Luxembourg.

"It was not known to anybody," he said. But he insisted that "the contributions were entirely above board—there were no strings attached and there was no quid pro quo."

Gould, a partner in Parking Management Inc. of Washington, was ambassador to Luxembourg from 1969 to 1972. His nomination as envoy to the Netherlands has been held up by the committee because of his campaign contributions.

The committee, in an effort to curb the practice of awarding ambassadorial posts to big contributors, has said it will examine very carefully the appointment of anyone who has contributed more than \$10,000.