

# Fund Raiser For Gurney to Plead Guilty

MIAMI, Nov. 8 (AP)—A former fund raiser for Sen. Edward Gurney (R-Fla.) has agreed to plead guilty to two felony charges and testify for the government in an investigation of Gurney's finances, the Miami Herald reported today.

The Herald said Larry E. Williams, 29, of Orlando, was granted immunity from further prosecution in return for testimony in a probe of his former boss.

The newspaper said Williams has told federal investigators that he collected more than \$300,000 in cash from government contractors for a secret Gurney Boosters Fund.

The Herald also said that Jim Groot, a former administrative assistant to Gurney, has told investigators that on several occasions in 1971 and 1972, Williams gave him envelopes stuffed with thousands of dollars in cash for Gurney.

Groot said the money was used for office expenses, travel and related costs, the Herald said.

Gurney, a member of the Senate Watergate committee, will respond to the Herald story later, a press aide told the newspaper. In the past, Gurney has declined comment on the Justice Department probe. Groot was unavailable for comment.

In an agreement with U.S. Justice Department prosecutors, Williams agreed to plead guilty to one count of filing a false income tax return and one count of offering a gift or gratuity to a federal employer, the Herald said.