

Gurney Associate Reportedly Agrees To Talks on Funds

MIAMI, Nov. 7 (AP)—Larry E. Williams, a former fund raiser for Senator Edward J. Gurney, Republican of Florida, has agreed to plead guilty to two felony charges and testify for the Government in an investigation of Senator Gurney's finances, The Miami Herald says in its Thursday editions.

The Herald also reported that Jim Groot, a former Gurney administrative assistant, has told Federal investigators that he handled envelopes from Mr. Williams for Mr. Gurney filled with thousands of dollars in cash on several occasions in 1971 and 1972.

Mr. Groot said that the money was spent for office expenses, travel and related costs, The Herald said. The newspaper stated that Mr. Groot was unavailable for comment and added that a Gurney press aide said the Senator would comment later.

In the past, Senator Gurney has said that the Justice Department was conducting an investigation and that he had

been asked not to comment on it.

Mr. Williams has told agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service that he collected more than \$300,000 in cash from Government contractors for a secret Gurney Boosters Fund, The Herald said.

Under an agreement with the Justice Department, The Herald said, Mr. Williams will plead guilty to one count of filing a false income tax return and one count of offering a gift or gratuity to a Federal employe.

In return for the pleas and for his testimony, Mr. Williams has been granted immunity from prosecution on other charges except perjury, The Herald said.