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**U.S. Agents Reportedly Traced  
Undisclosed Gifts to Gurney Safe**

MIAMI, Nov. 18 (AP)—Federal agents have traced thousands of dollars in unreported cash contributions from builders who do business with the Federal Housing Administration to a safe in the Washington office of Senator Edward J. Gurney, Republican of Florida. The Miami Herald reported in its Sunday editions. Mr. Gurney is a member of the Senate Watergate committee.

The newspaper said agents had confirmed that money collected by Larry E. Williams was passed on in envelopes to Jim Groot, who was then the Senator's administrative assistant. Mr. Groot allegedly placed the money in Mr. Gurney's inner office.

Senator Gurney, Mr. Groot and a former secretary, Lois Elliot, had access to the safe, and the money kept there was used to pay office and travel expenses and for other purposes, The Herald reported.

Mr. Gurney declined comment on the allegations until the completion of a grand jury investigation. "At the appropriate time, I shall make public my own knowledge about these allegations," he told The Herald. He was not available for further comment.

The newspaper said Mr. Williams began working full-time in January, 1971, collecting money from F.H.A. builders for Senator Gurney, ended his full-time employment in mid-1972, but continued working part-time for Mr. Gurney raising funds until May this year.

In a formal statement in July, Senator Gurney denied any formal relationship with Mr. Williams and denied that he or his staff had ever discussed fund-raising with Mr. Williams.

Witnesses have given Federal investigators conflicting accounts of how much of more than \$300,000 in contributions was carried to Washington and placed in the safe, the newspaper said.