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Dirty Trickster, Out of Jail,
Says 'We Were Wrong'

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., April 3 (AP) — "The way we did it — we were wrong," said George Hearing after spending six months in Federal prison for his part in a dirty-tricks campaign during the Florida Presidential primary in 1972.

Mr. Hearing, 40 years old, pleaded guilty last June to publishing and distributing a phony letter on the campaign stationery of Senator Edmund S. Muskie, Democrat of Maine. It falsely accused Democratic Presidential contenders, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota and Henry M. Jackson of Washington, of sexual misconduct.

"Like a dumbbell I played along with them," said Mr. Hearing, who was given two months off his sentence for good behavior.

"I saw nothing wrong with what we did, except for the letter," he said. "Muskie was wiped out and there was no sense in going any further." He said his book in the dirty tricks campaign was a Republican political saboteur, Donald H. Segretti.