

\$150,000 in secret funds for Gurney are

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MIAMI — A former fund-raiser for Watergate committee member Sen. Edward Gurney (R-Fla.) collected \$150,000 in secret contributions for up to 10 months after Gurney says he ordered the activity stopped, The Miami Herald says it has learned.

In its Sunday edition, The Herald quoted unnamed sources as saying the contributions were from builders seeking influence with the Federal Housing Administration.

The report said the contributions continued although fund-raiser Larry Williams, 29, of Orlando, warned Gurney of possible violations of law.

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The Herald previously had reported that Williams secretly collected up to \$400,000 in 1971-72 for a fund to help finance Gurney field offices.

Gurney, 60, has been indicted by a state grand jury in Tallahassee for allegedly violating a state election law by accepting contributions without appointing a campaign

treasurer or setting up a campaign bank account. He is also scheduled to appear before a federal grand jury in Jacksonville May 13 to answer questions about the fund.

Gurney has said he ordered the fund-raising stopped as soon as he learned of it in a June 12, 1972, meeting with Williams. He said Williams assured him the money had been legally collected.

But The Herald said it has learned from sources close to the investigation that Williams told Gurney at the meeting that he had obtained a legal opinion that the fund-raising project was a possible violation of law.