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# Humphrey Turns In Diamond Received From Mobutu in '68

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WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP) — Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Democrat of Minnesota, turned over to the State Department Wednesday an eight-carat diamond given to him by President Sese Seko Mobutu of Zaire, the senator's office confirmed.

A spokesman for Mr. Humphrey said the diamond was flown in from Minneapolis to Washington.

The action follows a series of recent reports of gifts to Government officials from foreign governments.

Among those named in recent reports have been the wives of President Nixon, former Secretary of State William P. Rogers, Senator J. William Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas,

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The diamond and 10 leopard skins were given to Mrs. Humphrey in 1968. The leopard skins came from an official of Somalia and were sold in 1970 for \$7,500. The money was donated to a school for the mentally retarded, a spokesman said.

The gifts are the property of the Government under provisions of the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act.

In a statement issued by his office, Mr. Humphrey said that he did not realize that the act covered members of his family and that the gifts were given to his wife.

A Humphrey spokesman said the gifts had been catalogued by the State Department in 1968, but then were returned to Mr. Humphrey.