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Ex-Humphrey Aide Pleads Guilty

St. Paul, Minn.

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey's former press secretary pleaded guilty yesterday to aiding and abetting illegal corporate donations to political campaigns by milk producers.

Norman Sherman and his business partner, Jack Valentine, who also pleaded guilty, each posted a \$1000 personal recognizance bond in U.S. District Court in St. Paul. Sherman faces a maximum sentence of one year in jail and a \$1000 fine.

Sherman and Valentine

were named in a criminal information by the Watergate prosecutor's office. It said the two aided and abetted the use of money from the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., to purchase computer-mail lists used in Humphrey's 1972 presidential campaign and in a number of other Democratic campaigns, including that of South Dakota Senator James Abourezk.

Both Humphrey and Abourezk have said they were unaware of the nature of the contributions.

Sherman was Humphrey's press secretary when the Minnesota Democrat was vice president. Sherman and Valentine later formed a computer mail firm with offices in Minneapolis and Washington.

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was given to the two from July 19 to Dec. 21, 1971, for voter lists in Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa and other Midwest states.

The lists were only used in political races, and did not give any business benefit to the co-op.

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