

Charges of Bribes By the Gulf Oil Corp. Rejected by Bolivia

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LA PAZ, Bolivia, Jan. 15 (AP) — Bolivia's military government rejected today charges that its late President, General Rene Barrientos, had received money from the Gulf Oil Corporation and claimed instead that Gulf officials might have used the money for themselves.

Yesterday, Gulf delivered to the Bolivian Government documents assembled for its own investigation of charges that Gulf had paid bribes in several countries where it had been operating some years ago.

The documents allegedly showed that a helicopter and \$1.8 million had been given to General Barrientos. The late president died in an air crash April 27, 1969.

Gen. Hugo Banzer, Bolivia's President, had sought a clarification of the alleged bribes from Gulf Oil. After the documents were delivered, the

Bolivian Government issued a statement saying, "It is not satisfied with such clarifications" and expressing doubts about Gulf's statements.

The communique said. "There are reasons to believe that General Barrientos did not receive any amount of money and . . . there are suspicions to believe that the two \$180,000 contributions have been used by Gulf Oil's officials for their own benefit."