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Weigh Allegations of Illegal
Contributions by Gulf

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (UPI)

—The Justice Department and two other Federal agencies are investigating several Senators for possible criminal activity involving illegal campaign contributions from the Gulf Oil Corporation, the Senate Ethics Committee said today.

The committee said it was working with the Justice Department, the Internal Revenue Service and the Securities and Exchange Commission on an "in-depth investigation of these allegations."

The committee, which has responsibility for assuring that members of the Senate meet certain ethical standards for conduct, said it "has met, in formal session, three times on those matters within the committee's jurisdiction in reference to Gulf Oil's alleged illegal contributions to several members of the United States Senate."

The S.E.C. has filed in Federal District Court sworn statements of former Gulf officials that alleged payments of about \$100,000 to Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott and more than \$40,000 to Senator Russell Long, Democrat of Louisiana.

The former officials also said a "sealed envelope" of cash was delivered to the ethics committee chairman, Howard Cannon, Democrat of Nevada, in the early 1960's. They said Senator Henry M. Jackson, Democrat of Washington, exerted pressure to get a \$10,000 contribution to his 1972 Presidential campaign.

Other alleged recipients of Gulf money included four Presidential candidates: President Ford when he was House Republican leader, Pennsylvania Governor Milton Shapp, former Senator Fred Harris, Democrat of Oklahoma, and Senator Jack-