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**Gulf's Ex-Lobbyist
Is Indicted on Gifts**

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WASHINGTON, March 12—
The former chief lobbyist in Washington for the Gulf Oil Corporation was indicted by a Federal grand jury today on two felony counts of making illegal campaign contributions.

Claude C. Wild Jr., the lobbyist, was indicted for making illegal contributions to the 1972 and 1974 primary election campaigns of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Democrat of Hawaii, and Senator Sam Nunn, Democrat of Georgia.

Senator Nunn, in a statement read by an aide, said he personally received no money from Gulf or Mr. Wild and that a thorough investigation by his campaign finance officials had

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turned up no such contributions.

A spokesman for Senator Inouye, who is in Hawaii for the weekend, said the Senator had no record of receiving a contribution from Mr. Wild or Gulf.

Mr. Wild, who was not in the courtroom when the indictment was returned, pleaded guilty two years ago to a misdemeanor charge of making an illegal contribution to the 1972 re-election campaign of President Richard M. Nixon. He was fined \$1,000.

The new charges carry a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a fine of \$10,000 on each count. The indictment was the first returned by the Special Watergate Prosecutor's office in about eight months.

Several corporate executives were indicted on felony and misdemeanor counts for illegal campaign contributions in the aftermath of the Watergate investigation.

Gulf, the nation's seventh largest industrial corporation, spent \$12.3 million in this country and abroad for political contributions and under-the-table payments to foreign officials.

The new charges against Mr. Wild are that he "did willfully and unlawfully consent to the making of a contribution by Gulf Oil Corporation" in connection with the 1972 and 1974 primary and general elections.

The indictment said Mr. Wild approved contributions of about \$5,000 for Senator Inouye's campaign between March and June 1973 and of \$2,500 on Sept. 27, 1972, to the Nunn campaign.

Mr. Wild, who is 52 years old, was vice president of government relations for Gulf at that time.

Gulf Cites Steps Taken

PITTSBURGH, March 12 (UPI)—The Gulf Oil Corporation said today that it had taken every conceivable step to insure that its funds would never again be used for unlawful purposes.

Gulf admitted making contributions to a number of foreign and domestic politicians, including the Senate Republican leader, Hug Scott of Pennsylvania. The contributions prompted an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission and by a Senate committee.

Gulf said in its annual report for 1975 that a code of ethics had been established for company personnel and that auditing procedures had been strengthened.

"As a result, we believe that the company has taken every reasonable action it can to insure that corporate funds are never again used for unlawful purposes," Gulf said. "This has been a tragic chapter in the proud history of our company."