

Scott Solicited Lobbyist After Gulf's Conviction

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Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott asked a Gulf Oil Co. lobbyist to contribute to a GOP congressman's reelection effort in 1974 shortly after Gulf's conviction for campaign gift violations, federal court records show.

Scott had been told before he made the request that Gulf's pipeline of funds was closed, according to the documents.

The documents included a sworn statement of former FBI agent Norval E. Carey, who became a Gulf lobbyist in Washington in 1970, and a letter from Scott to Carey.

The material was filed with the U.S. District Court on Jan. 12 by the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with civil fraud charges against Gulf's former chief lobbyist, Claude Wild Jr., but had escaped public notice.

Scott's letter on Senate stationery asked Carey to attend a fund-raising reception for Rep. Albert Johnson (R-Pa.), at the Sheraton Park Hotel on Jan. 30, 1974.

"With your help we can assure Al Johnson's return in 1974. We need to keep men of integrity in Congress," said the letter, which

was signed "Hugh" over a typewritten signature: "Hugh Scott, U.S.S., Minority Leader."

The letter was sent after Wild and Gulf were convicted in December, 1973, of illegally using corporate funds to make 1972 campaign contributions of \$100,000 to Richard M. Nixon, \$15,000 to Rep. Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark.), and \$1,000 to Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.).

Shortly before his conviction, Wild had told Scott that "there were no longer any funds and that his pipeline had been cut off," according to a report Gulf filed with the SEC and the court three months ago.