

## Scott Cleared In Gulf Case, Lawyer Says

Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) said yesterday that his attorney believes he is free of criminal liability in the Gulf Oil Case.

The retiring senator made the statement in response to a reporter's questions in connection with alleged payments from Gulf Oil lobbyist Claude Wild.

Rep. John H. Heinz, who is running for the GOP Senate nomination in Pennsylvania, said over the weekend he had been informed that Scott's lawyers believe the senator free of criminal liability. Scott has repeatedly said that he never knowingly accepted any corporate funds from Gulf as campaign contributions, and that any money he may have received was believed to be personal contributions.

He refused to expand on his lawyer's views yesterday, saying "Let's wait for the report from the Justice Department." The Watergate special prosecutor's office, which is handling the Gulf case, had no comment.