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Gingrich received teaching post after helping college official, letters show

House speaker offered job after dean met with state department about federal business contracts

Josh Goldstein, project director for the Washington-based Center for Responsive Politics.

Allan Lipsett, a spokesman for the new House speaker, defended the contacts.



Gingrich

"Mescon is a constituent ... and (Gingrich) asked the same kind of question he would ask for any constituent," Lipsett said.

"There was no quid pro quo about a course." Mescon did not return six telephone calls placed to his office last week.

A Feb. 2, 1993, letter from Mescon to Gingrich's legislative assistant, J. Krister Holladay, demonstrates the two hats Gingrich wore before the course became reality.

In it, Mescon thanks Holladay for meeting with members of his private business. He then discusses prospects for Gin-

grich's college course.

"I did have the opportunity to visit with Newt following the Cobb Chamber breakfast and will submit a proposal soon regarding his teaching on campus in the fall quarter," Mescon wrote.

The dean then returned to the issue of his private business. "We had some terrific visits on Friday and would appreciate any assistance you might be able to provide in assisting with our attempt to expand our many activities both in Ghana and domestically," the letter states.

The correspondence shows Gingrich initially was to be paid \$5,000, but he gave up the money. The Georgia Board of Regents prohibits elected officials from being paid by state colleges.

The correspondence, obtained from a Democratic congressional source and under the Freedom of Information Act, shows Mescon first approached Gingrich in September 1992. His business, The Mescon Group, sought contracts at the State Department's Agency for International Development.

WASHINGTON (AP) — It started as a constituent's request for government help. But it didn't take long for Newt Gingrich to turn a 1992 contact with a Georgia college dean into a teaching job.

Correspondence obtained by The Associated Press sheds light on the origins of Gingrich's nationally televised college course, which is now the focus of a complaint before the House Ethics Committee.

The letters show Gingrich received the offer to teach at Kennesaw State College less than three months after he got the State Department to agree to meet with the school's business dean, who was pursuing federal contracts for his private business.

Dean Timothy Mescon never got the contracts he began seek-

ing in fall 1992.

But by the following March, Gingrich and Mescon had arranged to co-teach the course, "Renewing American Civilization," at Kennesaw. Mescon is dean of the college's business school, where Gingrich taught. The course is carried on cable television.

Members of Congress assist constituents all the time. And with certain restrictions, they're free to pursue a wide variety of private interests while in office.

Ethics watchdogs, however, question Gingrich's judgment in doing both simultaneously with a single individual.

"There's a very real appearance of a conflict of interest because you have two things that may or may not be unrelated going on at the same time," said

Kemp bows out of race for '96 GOP presidential bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jack Kemp, the former congressman and housing secretary once viewed as the heir to the Reagan revolution, said Monday he would not seek the 1996 Republican presidential nomination.

Kemp's decision was further evidence the eventual GOP field would ultimately total perhaps a half-dozen serious prospects, even though President Clinton is considered highly vulnerable.

A major reason: A frontloaded primary calendar has raised the ante for running to \$20 million or perhaps more, forcing candi-



Kemp

dates to commit to the race extraordinarily early. And Kemp, although he insisted otherwise, found many of his views at odds with the agenda of the new Republican Congress.

"This creates a huge hole in the field," said Ralph Reed, executive director of Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition. "There is an awful lot of money and an awful lot of grassroots support that has been waiting to see what Jack would do."

The announcement cements Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole as the early front-runner. And some Republicans suggested Kemp's decision would prove a boost to former Vice President Dan Quayle.

"If Dan can overcome questions about his electability, I think a good deal of Jack's support could gravitate his way," said

California GOP activist Steve Merksamer, a Kemp confidant.

But strategists for two other active candidates, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, suggested they would benefit. Gramm allies suggested the senator's economic views were closest to Kemp's; Alexander backers cast him as a "conservative with a heart" in the Kemp mold.

Kemp said he likely would endorse a candidate, but not immediately, and he would not offer his views on those already campaigning.

Kemp announced his decision on a day that brought another reminder of Clinton's political troubles. In a radio interview, New Jersey Democratic Bill Bradley said the president might face a primary challenge if his standing doesn't improve over the next few months.

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