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This editor would like to urge Leon Jaworski and or Sam Erwin to question, in depth, a thus far neglected man whose name appeared in connection with the Watergate burglary as early as June 19, 1972. Credit for calling attention to this man's importance should go to Gore Vidal and his article "The Art and Arts of E. Howard Hunt" which appeared December 13, 1973, in the *NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS*.

When the Watergate burglars made hotel reservations in preparation for their caper, the reservations were made in the name of "Ameritas," described as EITHER a Miami real estate partnership OR a secret band of Cuban revolutionaries. The *DALLAS MORNING NEWS* of June 25, 1972, described "Ameritas" as a wholly-owned subsidiary of All-State Investment Fund S. A., Inc., in Panama. *THE REALIST* of Aug. 1972, page 34 said that Miguel R. Suarez, a Miami lawyer, is head of Ameritas. Suarez and Bernard L. Barker were described as "partners in a separate venture", according to *THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS*.

Barker had participated in the Bay of Pigs invasion under the aegis of the CIA; he participated in the burglary of Dr. Fielding's office (Ellsberg's psychiatrist) on orders from E. Howard Hunt; and he was arrested inside the Democratic National Headquarters at Watergate on June 17, 1972. Barker's real estate business was located at 2301 Northwest Seventh Street, Miami. However, when he was arrested at Watergate, Barker gave his

address as 955 First St., S. W., Miami, which is the address of both Ameritas and Miguel Suarez.

Could Ameritas be another CIA front similar to the old Double-Chek Corporation which had been headed by Alex E. Carlson, a Spanish-speaking lawyer from Miami Springs? Double-Chek handled recruitment of pilots for the Bay of Pigs and also handled payments to the Bay of Pigs "widows" following the April 1961 fiasco.

One question we especially want answered by Miguel Suarez concerns the John F. Kennedy assassination.

Gore Vidal asked in his article of December 13, 1973: "Since it is now clear to everyone except perhaps Earl Warren that Oswald was part of a conspiracy, who were his fellow conspirators?" Vidal goes on to mention something about Miguel Suarez we had overlooked until he pointed it out.

In the National Archives, Warren Commission Document 301, page 280, we find that a Christina Suarez, sister of Miguel Suarez, told a nurse, Marjorie Heimbecker, that John F. Kennedy would be killed by Castroites. Is it possible that Miguel and Christina Suarez knew John Kennedy was going to be killed and wanted to be certain that the blame would be placed on pro-Castro forces, hence they spread their rumor prior to the assassination?

This editor watched all the televised Senate Hearings on Watergate and has read all the testimony published by the Government Printing Office (except Volume 4, which seems to be unobtainable). We have found no mention of Miguel Suarez. We believe he has valuable information.

* Commission Document