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By Henry Hanson

Sherman Skolnick is alive and well in Canada.

In a telephone interview Thursday with The Daily News, Skolnick said he will seek "temporary political asylum" with two companions in Canada.

Skolnick, who said he is afraid U.S. federal authorities are after him, said he has a 200-pound dresser "barricading the door" of his Windsor (Ontario) motel room.

"I've really been through hell," Skolnick said. "Anybody who says this is a publicity stunt is making a ridiculous statement. It's been a terrible ordeal."

"I don't stage publicity stunts. You know that," said the legal researcher, who was reported missing Monday by one of his aides in Chicago.

"We crossed the border from Detroit just before midnight Wednesday. We took a cab. I left my car in a public parking lot in Detroit."

SKOLNICK SAID he had

been sleeping in the 1973 red Pinto station wagon since he was reported missing from his South Side home, but that he had gotten enough to eat, "munching on whatever we could grab along the way."

Skolnick said he believes "federal operatives" pursued him on his flight from Chicago because they wanted "some super-hot documents in my possession."

Skolnick said his "super-hot documents" deal with evidence linking former U.S. Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell to the Watergate bugging conspiracy and evidence showing that sabotage was involved in the Dec. 8 crash of an airplane near Midway Airport that killed 45 persons.

Skolnick said he would like to come back to Chicago.

"I CAN'T AFFORD to live away from my home permanently," he said. "But I don't want to come back yet because the federal govern-

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ment wants to take me before a grand jury and ask me about those documents.

"I'm not admitting I have personal custody of them. For legal reasons."

With Skolnick in Windsor are his driver, David Hoffman, and an aide, Leland Cole, who flew from Chicago to join them.

"I'm expecting a lot more people to fly in today," said Skolnick. "I think Dick Gregory, he's my friend, is coming if he can adjust his schedule."

"I DON'T KNOW who else will come. Our hotel is right next to the tunnel that comes



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refugee of some sort," he said, with laughter.

"I laugh because this is all too far gone to cry."

"The Nixon administration fears that what I've dug up may be its Waterloo."

"What do you think I should