

O'Brien Asks 2d Time for 'Bug' Probe

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Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien requested again yesterday that President Nixon authorize a special investigation of the alleged attempt to bug the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee.

Spokesmen for O'Brien said he sent a telegram to the President renewing his request, first made in a June 24 letter, for the appointment of a special prosecutor to look into the June 17 incident.

In the telegram, O'Brien said the President had "not chosen" to reply to the first request. O'Brien added that he had been "informed" that Mr. Nixon referred the matter to the Committee for the Re-election of the President as a "political matter."

In an interview, Kenneth W. Clawson, deputy director of communications for the executive branch, said he did not know what the President did with the first request.

He said also that "the President has no responsibility to respond to it in the first place."