

Bug Suit Being Settled?

WASHINGTON.—The Committee for the Re-election of the President has offered the Democratic National Committee \$525,000 to settle out of court the Democrats' \$6.4 million civil suit over the Watergate bugging and burglary, the Washington Post reported Tuesday night.

Democratic national chairman Robert Strauss confirmed that an offer had been made and he would not deny the amount.

Strauss said the DNC was considering the offer but would not make no decision on it until the public investigation into the Watergate affair gets further along.

The Democratic suit charges the re-election committee conspired to violate the civil rights of then-Dem-

ocratic national chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien and other Democratic officials.

In addition, Maurice H. Stans, finance chairman of CRP, has a 4 P. M. appointment today to talk to Mitchell Rogovin, lawyer for Common Cause. Rogovin's organization has filed a suit demanding disclosure of early campaign contributions to the committee, estimated to be more than \$10 million.

Rogovin said Tuesday night that Stans had telephoned John Gardner, head of Common Cause, the organized citizens' lobby, last week requesting the meeting. Rogovin said he surmised a settlement offer would be the subject of Stans' visit.



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