

Skolnick turns up in Canada

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MISSING LEGAL researcher Sherman H. Skolnick today phoned from Windsor, Ont., to say he had fled to Canada in fear of his life after being threatened "by two strange men" who demanded his files.

Skolnick, 42, phoned WBBM-TV reporter Walter Jacobson at 2 a. m. at his home and said he was alive and safe in Canada with his long-time driver, David Hoffman, 30. Both disappeared Monday.

Jacobson said Skolnick claimed he and Hoffman met "two strange men" at 9 a. m. Monday in Chicago.

Skolnick said the men then demanded all the information he has "on the Watergate affair and the Midway crash."

Skolnick has contended that the United Air Lines jet that crashed last December at Midway Airport was sabotaged in an attempt to cover up the Watergate Hotel bugging incident in Washington.

The wife of one of the principals in the case was killed in the crash.

Skolnick told Jacobson that the two files were in Skolnick's auto, but the two men "were so menacing" that he only pretended

to fetch the files from the car.

Once in the car, Skolnick said, he told Hoffman to speed off. They drove thru Indiana and Michigan and into Windsor via Detroit, Skolnick said.

AFTER TALKING with Skolnick, Jacobson called Chicago police investigators.

Earlier, two of Skolnick's associates went to Jacobson's home and said they had a tape recording of Skolnick that he reportedly had sent from Canada. Jacobson told them to have Skolnick call him directly. And he did.