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Dear Dick,

You have made my day! Please don't under-rate this accomplishment, for we have had the kind of days not easy to make or remake.

In today's mail a thoughtful friend's copy of your August Computers' piece was included. It is in no sense inferior to your earlier Computers' writing, nor is it in any sense a reduction in Berkeley's standards.

Now for the first time there is any explanation for the purposes of the bugging.

Of course, I'm still ridden by doubts about why 5 or 9 or 10 or 11 or an almost infinite number of men were needed for the planting of a bug or bugs. I guess I live in the antediluvian past, in which it took but one man, so such modernity is beyond my probably limited comprehension. Here you don't help. In fact, as I recall, here you also don't address.

Too ~~bad~~ bad. With the unique genius you display elsewhere, you might have solved this one.

And ~~ya~~ had you thought of it, I'm sure you'd have been able to enlighten me on another troubling score, why \$89,000, provided in typical CIA fashion, as I recall (I suppose the distinction is with typical Republican fashion?) was needed for the planting of a bug or bugs. I don't think it is really material that you lost some \$25,000, and that the actual total to date admitted is \$114,000, for the principle would be the same, wouldn't it? And the typicality.

No criticism. Allowances must be made for the urgent need of getting the given word to the people as fast as possible. If this extracts its cost, is it not worth the cost?

That the traceable equipment was licensed to the Republicans, not the CIA, is irrelevant anyway because they are, as I suppose you just didn't have room to say, one and the same and here the CIA just used the various Republican committee, Mitchell (and "ariha-you forgot her), Stans, Liddy and a few others as their cover. So is it irrelevant that the frequencies allotted to the transceivers were Republican, not CIA frequencies, because the CIA uses whose frequencies it will, including the Republicans'. And the need for transceivers in plant a bug(s)? You had time pressures or space problems, so I suppose you just couldn't tell us they were needed to keep in touch with those CIA masters, not Republicans or any ilk, water, level or function.

There is so much I didn't understand that now is clear. Mike ~~wasn't~~ leaving the country the very second day. You didn't tell me, but I can now see clearly this was but another CIA device, a kind of bribery, by which junkets at taxpayers' expense were provided for the FBI agents who interviewed him and the grand jury that questioned him. They think of everything, those CIAs!

And how Hunt got to be one of the top officials? Not until you made me THINK did I come to understand this. By resigning, of course, two years ago. What a perfect cover to hide him from the table of organization! If I'd thought of Boxley, I might have figured this out sooner. But I can see it now, clear as only you could make it.

You did kind of slip a bit, omitting the one admitted CIA connection; that the p.r. agency for which Hunt worked when he wasn't sneaking into the White House for the CIA, really had the CIA as a client, through Radio Free Cuba.

And I guess I never realized that the reason those cats were arrested at "o Name Key and north of Lake Pritchardrain is because they were CIA. The FBI and local gestapos always arrest the CIA, don't they? And confiscate their arms, etc.

But the part that really blew my mind (do I use the phrase correctly? There is so much to which I'm not really hep) is the reason for this caper. You could have spelled it out a bit more, but you are explicit enough. Hq. had to be bugged to know where the Demo candidates were because the papers can't be trusted; because all that crowd-gathering for the candidates is only more CIA tomfoolery, so the announcements can't be trusted; because the posted notices of appearances can always be counterfeited by the CIA; because Larry O'Brien handled all such details. In short, because there simply was no other way to know. One wouldn't be able to depend on anything except eavesdropping to know in advance where McGovern or whoever would be so they could be knocked off. I was just a bit perplexed at why this wouldn't require bugging McGovern, but I finally decided you just had all these limitations and couldn't tell us: The CIA did that, too, as a sort of second-line, but that did that invisibly (as in Invisible Government) and thus haven't been caught. Great stuff, Dick, up to your very best. We are all in your debt- especially the Republicans. Sincerely,

The June 1972 Raid on Democratic Party Headquarters

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"The situation has the appearance of being extremely dangerous, and not at all representative of the normal political struggles and confrontations found during a presidential campaign year. The present battle is 'for all the marbles', as the expression goes."

On Saturday, June 17, 1972, about 2:30 in the morning, five men were surprised by police in the headquarters of the National Committee of the Democratic Party in Washington, D.C. This is a suite of 29 offices on the 6th floor of the Watergate Hotel in a fashionable new area in Washington. The five men were well dressed; all wore rubber surgical gloves, and were unarmed. They had with them extensive photographic equipment and electronic surveillance devices able to intercept both regular conversation and telephone communication. Police said two ceiling panels near the chairman's office had been removed in such a way as to make it possible to slip in a bugging device.

It has since turned out that these five men have numerous connections with the Republican Party, with the White House, with President Richard M. Nixon, with the Central Intelligence Agency, and with the Committee for Re-Election of the President which was headed by former U.S. Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

The Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Lawrence F. O'Brien, on Monday, June 20, filed suit in district court in Washington for \$1 million against the Committee for Re-Election of the President.

The names of the five men arrested, and the amount of bail for each one are:

James W. McCord, Jr., \$30,000
Bernard L. Barker, \$50,000
Eugenio R. Martinez, \$50,000
Frank Sturgis, \$50,000
Virgilio R. Gonzalez, \$50,000

Who are these five men? what is their background? what are their connections? And what was their probable motive?

Let's begin with the backgrounds and associations of the men involved. There were apparently nine men mainly involved, four of whom as of present writing have not been arrested. Eight of the nine stayed at the Watergate Hotel between May 26 and May 29 and again on June 16 and 17. They were all from Miami. The ninth man, James W. McCord, lives in the Washington, D.C. area. Their backgrounds are as follows.

The Five Arrested Persons:

James W. McCord, Jr.

James Walter McCord Jr. — age 53. He is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, and was once an FBI agent. He was formerly one of the highest ranking security officials in the Central Intelligence Agency, with 19 years service, supervising 50 to 100 employees, and a civil service rank of GS 15 or 16. After retiring from the CIA in 1970, he entered the security consulting business as McCord Associates, Rockville, Md. He was hired as security coordinator for President Nixon's reelection campaign and as security consultant for the Republican Convention. Reports filed with the U.S. Government on June 10 by the Committee to Re-Elect the President show that McCord was on their payroll at \$1209 a month as of May 31. He is a member of a special 16 man military reserve unit concerned with radicals in the U.S., which operates under President Nixon's Office of Emergency Plans and Preparedness. He has been a liaison between the CIA and Combatientes (a Cuban paramilitary anti-Castro organization), and an organizer for the CIA of the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961. He used the alias "Edward Martin" when he was arrested.

Bernard L. Barker

Bernard L. Barker, alias Frank Carter, is a wealthy, Cuban-born Miami businessman, in the real estate business. His code name was "Macho" during the Bay of Pigs planning operation in 1961. He worked for E. Howard Hunt (see below) in the CIA, and was a business partner of Miguel R. Suarez in Miami. He established secret Guatemalan and Nicaraguan invasion bases. He is closely associated with Manuel Artime Buesa, military leader in the Bay of Pigs invasion. He is President of Barker Associates Inc., a Miami real estate co.; he was a principal link between CIA headquarters and the Cuban exile army during the pre-invasion period.

Frank Sturgis

Frank Sturgis, alias Frank Angelo Fiorini, alias Edward Hamilton, was involved in the Bay of Pigs preparations. He is a former American marine, a soldier of fortune, a friend of Jack Anderson, an

anti-Castro-Cuban organizer in Miami. At one time he transported arms to Castro in the Sierra Maestra, but turned anti Castro. He is a close associate of Major Pedro Diaz Lanz, former Castro Air Force chief, and helped spirit Diaz Lanz out of Cuba. He purchased arms for anti-Castro Cuban groups. He was questioned by the FBI about Lee Harvey Oswald being in Miami in 1963, as were several other anti-Castro soldiers of fortune from No Name Key (these were Jerry Patrick Hemming, Steve Wilson, and John Martino).

Eugenio R. Martinez

Eugenio R. Martinez, alias Gene Valdes, is a real estate agent, and Florida notary public in Florida. He is an anti-Castro activist and works for Barker's real estate co. He is a friend of Hunt, a former CIA agent, and a member of the Combatientes.

Virgilio R. Gonzales

Virgilio R. Gonzales, alias Raoul Godoy, is an anti-Castro Cuban of Miami, a locksmith, a former CIA agent active in the Bay of Pigs affair, and a member of the Combatientes.

Other Persons

Of the other four persons at the Watergate Hotel only two as of present writing have been identified:

Angel Ferrer, president of Combatientes
Humberto Lopes, member of Combatientes

Several other men appear to be linked closely to the raiding group as a result of information in addresses, books, etc.

E. Howard Hunt, Jr.

E. Howard Hunt, Jr., code name "Eduardo" during the Bay of Pigs, is one of the top officials of the Central Intelligence Agency. Hunt is a former consultant to Charles W. Colson, who is a special counsel to President Nixon.

Hunt was in charge of the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. He met with Barker in Miami two weeks before the headquarters break-in. He worked as White House consultant on a part-time basis in 1971 and 1972. Hunt's name and phone number were found in the address books of Barker and of Martinez. Materials were found in Hunt's office in the White House linking him to the break-in. He disappeared from the United States the next day. Previously he worked as a writer for a Washington public relations firm, Robert R. Mullen Co., raising funds for Nixon's re-election; he is an author of spy novels; he was the chief of a Cuban-American right wing commando team.

Additional Persons

Douglas Caddy, attorney in Washington, D.C., a close friend of E. Howard Hunt, represents all five of the men arrested. He had an office in the Mullen agency, and is a friend of Barker and his wife.

Charles W. Colson is a special counsel to President Richard M. Nixon. He is a former CIA official; he handles "touchy" political assignments for Nixon; he approved hiring Hunt as a consultant to the re-election committee.

Miguel R. Suarez is a Miami lawyer, head of Ameritos, a wholly owned subsidiary of All State Investment Fund, S.A. Incorporated in Panama; he is a

prominent Miami Republican and a friend of Claude Kirk.

James H. Landis is a retired Army Colonel, head of a special 10 man unit based in Washington, part of the U.S. Military Reserve operating under the Office of Emergency Plans and Preparedness and part of the Executive Office of the President. He is a friend of McCord and a former member of the unit.

Money from the CIA

It is interesting to note the aura of the CIA, right-wing activists, Republicans, anti-Castro people, and heavily financed activities.

When the five men were arrested, they had with them electronic listening devices and radio transmitters, burglary kits, walkie-talkie radios, canisters of Mace shaped like pens, and 53 consecutively numbered \$100 bills, cameras, and rubber surgical gloves. (The money was part of \$89,000 withdrawn from a Miami Beach bank by Barker in May.)

The original \$89,000 against which the withdrawal was made had been deposited in the Miami Beach bank in "typical CIA fashion" and consisted of four checks from a Mexico City bank in the name of Barker Associates Inc. Barker's lawyers said the checks were part of a real estate deal. But the unusual part about the withdrawal was that many thousands of the \$89,000 were taken in \$100 bills, all consecutively numbered. As one Cuban broadcast journalist said, "Obviously, it's a CIA job. Look at those \$100 bills. I remember when CIA front groups used to buy time on our station and they always paid in consecutively numbered \$100 bills. One group's bills would follow another's."

Bugging?

Since the raiders were caught with the listening devices and transmitters, and two ceiling panels in O'Brien's office had been removed, there seems to be little doubt the objective was bugging. The Miami Cuban connections of the group and Barker and Barker's employment as security officers for the Republican National Committee, led the FBI to discover that McCord had been arranging "security" in the Republican's Miami headquarters hotel. However, it turned out that the Democrats used the same hotel, The Fontainebleau. O'Brien wisely insisted that the hotel be "swept" for bugs before the Convention.

Thus the possibility became clear that a group backed by the CIA and the Republicans, a group of adventurers and specialists with anti-Castro right-wing, anti-liberal beliefs, were bugging two of the Democratic Party's prime headquarters about a month before the Democratic Convention.

The main question of course is, Why? What information could this group or the Republicans possibly expect to obtain by bugging that would do them any good in the race for the Presidency?

Some History re The Bay of Pigs

Before proposing an answer to the question raised, a review of some history since the Bay of Pigs operation is in order.

It is well-known that the 1961 invasion of Cuba that began at the Bay of Pigs was planned, financed, and directed by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. The Agency used militant, right-wing, anti-Castro, groups of Cuban exiles, American CIA agents, and soldiers of fortune.

It is less well-known that a second "Bay of Pigs" style invasion of Cuba was planned and prepared by front organizations for the CIA in 1963. This plan was finally ordered stopped by President John F. Kennedy in the summer of 1963 and the stop order aroused fierce hatred of the President by the exiles.

Planning of President Kennedy's Death

Militant groups similar to the Bay of Pigs groups were being trained by CIA agents in 1963 in Guatemala, on No Name Key off the coast of Florida, and north of Lake Pontchartrain near New Orleans, Louisiana when these groups were ordered stopped. Veterans men in these groups and their CIA backers and trainers decided on plans to assassinate President John F. Kennedy. Clay Shaw, David Ferrie, Maj. L. M. Bloomfield, Gabaldin, Jim Braden, Guy Bannister, and other persons were the CIA people involved. William Seymour, alias Leon Oswald, Emilio Santana, Manuel Garcia Gonzales, and others who were members of the No Name Key group, were the Cuban and American adventurers involved.

The assassination group was well organized, and backed by money from CIA front organizations, as well as money from Texas right-wing groups. The planning was complex and detailed requiring a type of concentrated effort in order to become successful. One of the requirements for success was the selection and setting up of a patsy, a fall guy, Lee Harvey Oswald. This part of the plan succeeded far beyond the wildest hopes and dreams of the assassination planners. To this day, many Americans fully believe that Lee Harvey Oswald was the "single mad assassin", the verdict of the Warren Report, whereas a much more plausible version (as made clear in over a hundred studies, articles, and books and over a thousand photographs and films) is otherwise.

A second key element in the planning was obtaining advance knowledge of where and at what times President John F. Kennedy was going to be publicly exposed. There is some evidence not yet substantiated that the team planning the assassination of President Kennedy controlled the place and time in the case of the Dealey Plaza motorcade. Whether or not this part is true, long advance notice of where President Kennedy would be was essential for planning of the assassination details.

Frank Fiorini

In 1963 the group on No Name Key was seeking financial support. Frank Fiorini, alias Frank Sturgis, was one of their fund raisers. Fiorini had been associated with anti-Castro activities since before the Bay of Pigs, and in 1963 he was trying to help the No Name group get ready for the second invasion of Cuba. His association brought him in contact with Jerry Patrick Hemming. Hemming has provided investigators of the National Committee to Investigate Assassinations with information about the group's involvement in plans for the Kennedy assassination.

Fiorini is therefore at least one link between the planners of the assassination of President Kennedy and the persons breaking in to the Watergate hotel offices of the Democratic National Committee.

Motivation?

With this background information in front of us, it is reasonable to propose the motivation of the

Watergate five and their allies. Their motive was to secure advance data on the whereabouts of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees as the election campaign proceeded. Such information would very likely be available from only a very few sources. Two of these sources would be (1) the telephones and conversations in the headquarters offices of the Democratic National Committee and (2) the telephones and conversations in the headquarters hotel for the Democratic National Convention.

It is not difficult to guess why the groups connected with the Watergate break-in would be interested in elimination of certain candidates of the Democratic Party. The motives for assassination are simple, and are similar to those in existence in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy was killed and again in 1968 when Senator Robert Kennedy was killed.

Fear of McGovern

Each of the groups represented in the Watergate break-in has a great deal to lose if Senator George S. McGovern is elected president. On the other hand, they have nothing to lose and can continue to operate as they have in the past ten years if Richard Nixon is re-elected. Senator McGovern would probably drastically alter and perhaps completely eliminate the many activities of:

- The CIA
- The anti-Castro Cuban-American activists
- Certain espionage activities
- The special units involved in harassing liberal groups like the one headed by James Landis
- Para-military organizations
- The Pentagon and the Joint Chiefs of Staff in surveillance of domestic groups, suppression of atrocity information, etc.

Danger

The situation has the appearance of being extremely dangerous, and not at all representative of the normal political struggles and confrontations found during a presidential election year. The present "battle" is "for all the marbles," as the expression goes.

Involvement of Republican Leaders?

A prime, as yet unanswered, question is the extent to which President Nixon, John Mitchell, and the White House staff were connected with, or authorized, or knew in advance about the Watergate raid.

Indications from news reports of a Federal Grand Jury investigation and an FBI investigation of the raid, are that E. Howard Hunt was still working for the White House at the time of the raid. Hunt left the United States on Sunday, June 18 after refusing to answer FBI questions.

John N. Mitchell, prior to his resignation in early July as Nixon's campaign manager, was reported to have initiated his own private investigation. Martha Mitchell appeared to be very upset by the Watergate raid because she started putting pressure on Mitchell to resign shortly after the raid took place. She told EPI reporter Helen Thomas, there were "very dirty things" going on in the campaign. She also claimed she had been made "a political prisoner" by security agents for the Republican Committee to Re-elect the President. She said one of them ripped the phone off the wall of her motel in

California just as she was telling Helen Thomas something about "the dirty business."

After a few days of silence, John Mitchell resigned "to spend more time with his wife and family." On the basis of Mitchell's prior commitments to Nixon and his record as Attorney General, it seems very odd that ordinary "dirty politics" would induce his resignation. On the other hand it is possible that knowledge of plans for a pending political assassination might create a situation where Martha Mitchell and John Mitchell would act as they have.

Office of Emergency Plans and Preparedness

Other investigation of Nixon's possible involvement might center on the unit under Landis which is part of President Nixon's Office of Emergency Plans and Preparedness. This unit, concerned with radicals in the U.S., is linked to James W. McCord, since he was a member of the 16 man unit.

Also, Charles Colson, who recommended that Hunt be hired as consultant to the Nixon re-election committee, is a lawyer for Nixon, and has the assignment of handling "touchy" political assignments for Nixon.

Prediction

One could put forward the proposition that Nixon and his advisors believe that the McGovern ticket will actually win in November. In this case, a politically "touchy" Emergency Plan under Colson's, Hunt's, Landis' and McCord's direction, might need to be put into action. The plan would call for the prevention of the election of McGovern by any method available, fair or foul.

This would not necessarily imply that Nixon was ordering the assassination of McGovern. Some lower-level person might take the decision into his own hands, interpreting his assignment to include that "desirable" possibility. There are some investigators who believe that this may have been what happened with Lyndon B. Johnson and the John Kennedy assassination. Unquestionably, Johnson knew, and still knows that there was a conspiracy. It is possible he "turned his head," when he heard echoes of the conspiratorial talk among his associates. In McGovern's case, character assassination may turn into real assassination at the lower CIA levels.

In contrast to the post-event analyses of the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963 and Senator Kennedy in 1968, we have only to await the passage of time until November to judge the correctness of the prediction:

Senator George S. McGovern will not be permitted to occupy the presidency of the United States.

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Congressional hearings are continuing on the impact of computer technology in privacy issues, law enforcement, the credit industry, credit reporting services, and many other issues. Most of these issues concern some aspects of the misuse of computers; however, published testimony either contains little information about actual misuse or is faulty information commonly found in newspapers and magazines. The proposed research should separate fact from fiction and make facts about actual antisocial use of computers available in useful forms.

Professional Societies

In other fields professional societies have played a role, which is difficult to measure, but is commonly accepted as successful, in defining and maintaining ethical discipline. The proposed research would assist professional societies in standardizing appropriate ethical practices.

Future Research

The proposed research would constitute an initial milestone. Continuing research would provide a dimension of time to the studies, and allow for trend analysis and feedback on long term effects of security and legal actions. Rapidly advancing computer technology with new generations of computers every three or four years would require this continuing updated research.

If any reader of this report knows of computer-related crimes, attempted or achieved, the author will greatly appreciate information, so as to assist in this research.