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WHITE HOUSE LINK?

Colson Aide, Barker Tied

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A part-time White House consultant, whose name appeared in two address books seized from the suspects in the break-in of Democratic national headquarters here, reportedly met in Miami two weeks ago with a member of the group that broke into the party offices here, equipped with bugging devices and cameras.

The New York Times today reported that Howard E. Hunt, who, using the code name "Eduardo," was one of the Central Intelligence Agency men directing the ill-fated Bay of Pigs Operation in 1961, met with Bernard L. Barker. Barker is one of five men arrested in the Saturday break-in at the Watergate Apartment complex.

Barker, the Times said, was Hunt's chief aide during the Bay of Pigs operation, using the code name "Macho."

Hunt became a part-time consultant to Charles W. Colson, special counsel to President Nixon and other high White House officials, after retiring from the CIA two years ago.

Flew to Miami

Hunt's name and address turned up in address books taken from two of the five men arrested during the break-in Saturday, federal sources have acknowledged.

Quoting Cuban sources in Miami, the Times said Hunt flew to Miami about two weeks ago to meet with

the back, and gave him oral instructions to call if Barker ever needed him. Hunt was reached at his home by the Times and asked if he knew Barker. "I have no comment on that," Hunt said.

As the controversy over the break-in continued to gather steam today, it appeared likely that the Democratic party would take legal action against Republican Party leaders, charging invasion of privacy.

Lawrence F. O'Brien, chairman of the Democratic National Commit-

tee, said he has been assured by Joseph A. Calliano Jr., the party's chief counsel, that there is "privacy" solid ground for filing a civil suit.

Democratic officials say that lawsuit, expected to be filed in U.S. District Court here today or tomorrow, will allege invasion of privacy.

Rights Violated

The principal link reported between the GOP and the five men arrested on charges of breaking into the DNC headquarters in the early morning hours last Saturday is James W. McCord Jr., one of the suspects still being held in the District Jail.

McCord, a former employe of both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency, was at the time of the break-in the chief security officer for both the Republican National Committee and the committee in charge of President Nixon's re-election campaign.

O'Brien said of the potential lawsuit: "We see several problems that

telephone number pencilled on

may require court action. We feel our First Amendment rights and our civil rights were violated, and possibly some campaign funds were used in a non-campaign manner."

One important purpose of such a suit, O'Brien said, would be to force Republican party leaders to submit to sworn pre-trial interrogation in the form of deposition. In addition, the Democrats probably would seek to subpoena some GOP records.

Indirectly to the growing dispute, Colson, as special counsel to the President, Colson's White House assignments have led to his involvement in several domestic political controversies in recent years.

In the current case, his name has surfaced because of his reported ties between the suspects in the break-in and Hunt, a part-time White House consultant who is employed by Robert R. Mullen & Co., a Washington public relations firm.

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"We Don't Know"

The only role of the FBI in the case up to now is based on the proposition that there may have been a presumed violation of the interception of Communications Act, which makes bugging a federal crime.

Asked why Hunt's name and the reference to his part-time White House affiliation might be in two of the suspects' address books, Kenneth W. Clawson, a White House press aide, said, "We don't know."

Clawson said Hunt worked as a consultant for the White House on 63 days in 1971 and another 24 1/2 days this year, drawing a per diem fee of approximately \$100 for each day. He was last employed on March 22, Clawson said.

Hunt worked principally on the projects — declassification of Defense Department documents following last year's controversy over the "Pentagon Papers" and the

...for White House staff members other than Colson on other of these projects. "Colson wasn't involved," added Clawson. "I know it (news of the sale on the DNC office) was as much of a surprise to him as it was to the rest of us."

Clawson also said Colson and Hunt were "personal friends," dating back to 1952 when Colson was president and Hunt was vice president of the Brown University Club of Washington. In addition, Colson

... White House staff... Must be hired to work on the... project, the... said.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, said the President has taken an interest in and held no discussions about the Democratic headquarters raid.

"I'm not going to comment from the White House on a third-rate burglary attempt," Ziegler said when pressed by newsmen several hours prior to the first public reports involving Hunt. "I don't comment on things taken before the lower district courts."

Asked Ziegler: "Obviously, we don't condone second-rate activities. This is something that should not fall into the political process. I'm sure certain elements are trying to stretch this into something more than it is."

McCord Fired

Both the Republican National Committee and the Committee for the Re-election of the President announced yesterday that they had fired McCord as their chief security agent.

The RNC first hired McCord last October, and paid him a salary of \$625 monthly through February. In January, he was placed in charge of six guards assigned to the committee's

new headquarters building on Capitol Hill.

In March, he received a belated salary increase to \$887 monthly, reflecting his additional responsibilities as the officer in charge of the guard personnel, according to an RNC spokesman. When a reporter from The Star asked two guards this week about McCord, however, the men denied any knowledge of him.

The Nixon re-election committee had been paying McCord a monthly salary of \$1,209 since January. In addition, his security consulting firm, McCord Associates, Inc., of Rockville, received more than \$8,000 from the President's campaign committee in April and May for the rental and purchase of security equipment and services.

2 Experts Hired

At the same time, it was learned that the Republicans have retained two other security experts to help in the

planning of their national convention in Miami Beach in late August. Both are former... officials of the

They are Thomas McAndrews and James Gale, both of whom are technically employed by another GOP organization, the arrangements committee of the Republican National Convention. According to McAndrews, their responsibilities include only security in the convention hall and convention headquarters in Florida.

The FBI has assumed responsibility for much of the investigation, and has substantially broadened the scope of its efforts. The Bureau was understood to be seeking court-approved warrant authorizing a search of McCord's home and office in Rockville.

In addition, the FBI was reported to be planning to interview Miguel A. Suarez, a Miami businessman and self-

... three... all Miami residents... post a higher bail of \$50,000 each to gain their release prior to their trial. "If they make bail, we have instructions to notify the FBI," a jail official said yesterday.

Jury Available

Harold H. Titus Jr., U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, announced yesterday that "a federal grand jury in U.S. District Court will be available to receive evidence in this investigation." In charge of that probe will be Earl J. Silbert, Titus' principal assistant.

The possibility that a sixth suspect might be involved in the case was still being actively pursued by law enforcement officials, who have learned that at least six men—including all of those now under arrest except McCord—were registered at the Watergate Hotel here May 28-29.

According to police records, an attempt was made on May 28 to unscrew a lock on a door at the Democratic National Committee, located in the Watergate Office Building adja-

cent to the hotel. When the men checked out of the hotel the day after the nighttime incident, their bill was paid in cash by a man identified only as "E. Warren." None of the imprisoned men has that name, but police think it may be an alias used by McCord.

Guard 'Followed'

Among the materials confiscated from the suspects was an exposed roll of film for a sub-miniature Minox camera, but the camera itself was not in the possession of the men when they were surprised by police at the DNC offices. (An earlier report incorrectly stated that the camera was found by police.)

The missing camera is one of several aspects of the case which has led officials to a continuing search for an additional man.

In addition, Frank Wills, the 24-year-old Watergate security guard who alerted police early Saturday to the possibility that intruders might be in the DNC offices, said last night that "evidently someone was following me around" while he made his rounds in the basement of the building.

... had been placed on four basement floors to prevent their locks from functioning, but that when he returned to the area 10 minutes later the tape had been reappplied.

Radios Used

"Whoever it was must have been behind me all the time. I can't think of any other explanation," Wills said. "He must have been on the stairway and watching me when I took the tape off."

Also lending credence to the theory that another person was involved was the fact that the arrested suspects had two operating walkie-talkies in their possession but were working together in such proximity that they were not need them to communicate with each other.

On Capitol Hill, Sen. John V. Tunney, D-Calif., said he will ask his colleagues on the Senate Judiciary Committee, scheduled to meet today, to

consider an investigation of the incident.

And Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., asked the Federal Reserve Board to attempt to identify the bank which was the source of the approximately \$6,300 in new, consecutively numbered \$100 bills which police said was found in possession of the suspects and in their hotel rooms.

Arthur Burns, chairman of the board, said no action could be taken until police or the FBI made available the serial numbers of the bills. Proxmire said he would seek to have that information transmitted to Burns' agency.

Federal authorities have traced part of the \$6,300 to Philadelphia and Miami, the New York Daily News reported today.

The paper quoted a "highly placed federal source" as saying that about "50 percent of the hundred dollar bills were issued in two separate sets to Federal Reserve banks in those two cities."

FBI agents in the two cities are questioning bank personnel and checking records to try to trace the purchaser of the new Federal Reserve notes, the Daily News said.