

# Barker: Russ Embassy was bugged

MIAMI — Watergate conspirator Bernard L. Barker said in an interview yesterday that a White House special operative once told him the Russian Embassy in Washington had been bugged.

Barker, released from prison on appeal Friday, was quoted by the Miami Herald as saying White House consultant E. Howard Hunt Jr. told him the bugging turned up evidence that Soviet officials had had access to parts of the secret Pentagon papers.

Although Nixon Administration officials have hinted they had information from unidentified sources about a link between the Pentagon Papers and Russian officials, Barker is the first figure in the Watergate scandal to say the source was eavesdropping within the embassy.

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