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James W. McCord . . . dis-
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GOP Worker Arrested in Break-In

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Nixon's reelection campaign committee acknowledged Sunday that one of its employes was among five persons equipped with electronic and photography gear who were arrested in an early morning break-in at the Democratic National Headquarters.

Former attorney general John N. Mitchell, head of the Committee for the Reelection of the President, said in a statement however that the man, identi-

New York Times identifies apparent
raid leader: Bernard L. Barker,
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fied as James W. McCord, Jr., was "not operating either in our behalf or with our consent."

"I am surprised and dismayed at these reports," Mitchell commented.

He said McCord "is the proprietor of

a private security agency who was employed by our committee months ago to assist with the installation of our security system."

McCord, 53, said he had been an employe of the Central Intelligence Agency until two years ago. He and four other men were arrested early Saturday at the Democratic headquarters in the plush Watergate Apartments and charged with second degree burglary.

Police said the men were carrying cameras which might have been used to photograph file materials and confidential documents. Several of the headquarters offices had been ransacked at the Potomac River apartment complex where Mitchell and a number of other prominent Washingtonians live.

The Mitchell statement said of McCord:

"He has, as we understand it, a number of business clients and interests and we have no knowledge of those relationships."

He added that the Nixon campaign committee has also been "experiencing our own security problems."

"Our problems are not as dramatic as the events of Saturday morning — but nonetheless of a serious nature to us. We do not know as of this moment whether our security problems are related to the events of Saturday morning at the Democratic headquarters or not."