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Demos Seek Burglary Probe

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien wants a thorough government probe of an apparent attempt to bug his office that resulted in the arrest of a salaried employe of President Nixon's re-election campaign committee.

O'Brien angrily described the arrest of five men, including former CIA employe James W. McCord Jr., in the Washington offices of the Democratic National Committee at 2:30 a.m. Saturday as an "incredible act of political espionage."

O'Brien said the incident "raises the ugliest questions about the integrity of the political process in this presidential year."

McCord, 53, charged with second-degree burglary, along with the four other men, is security coordinator for the Nixon Re-election Committee, drawing a "take-home salary" of \$1,200 per month, according to Powell Moore, the Nixon committee's director of press and information, Republican National Chairman Robert

Dole said he also holds a contract to provide security services for the GOP National Committee.

Republican party leaders denied responsibility for the incident. John N. Mitchell, who resigned as attorney general to head Nixon's re-election committee, said he was "surprised and dismayed at these reports."

"There is no place in our process for this type of activity, and we will not permit it or condone it," Mitchell said.

Dole said McCord's actions "were not on our behalf, nor with our consent." He said the Republican Party would "discontinue our relationship" with McCord's firm "if our understanding of the facts is accurate." *by knowledge*