

Mitchell Links

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An embarrassed John N. Mitchell, head of the Committee to Reelect the President, Sunday said that one of five men arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee offices is the security coordinator for the Nixon campaign.

James McCord, the only one of the five not from Miami, was identified earlier Sunday by the Associated Press after going through lists of court-filed records of the Republican campaign.

Campaign finance records filed June 10 by the Committee to Reelect the President list James W. McCord Jr., of 7 Winder Ct., Rockville, Md. as receiving a take-home salary of \$1,209-a-month for his job as security coordinator.

MCCORD, a retired Central Intelligence Agency agent, identified himself during court proceedings as operator of a security consulting business, McCord Associates.

Former Attorney General Mitchell said in a statement from Los Angeles that Mc-

Cord "was not operating either in our behalf or with our consent."

"I am surprised and dismayed at these reports," he said.

McCord, 53, and four other men, two Cuban nationals and two Americans with a long history of involvement in Cuban politics, were arrested Saturday at the Democratic Headquarters in the plush Watergate Apartments in Washington and charged with second degree burglary.

POLICE SAID the men

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were carrying cameras that could have been used to photograph file materials and confidential documents.

Several of the offices in the headquarters had been ransacked, and paneling in a wall adjacent to Democratic Campaign Chairman Lawrence O'Brien's office had been removed, ostensibly to place electronics hearing devices also found.

The Miami men, held on \$50,000 bail are:

• Frank Fiorini, alias Frank Sturgis, of 2515 NW 122nd St., a former Castro

ally who later turned against him and nearly lost his U.S. citizenship for his revolutionary endeavors.

• Eugenio R. Martinez, of 4044 Meridian Ave., Miami Beach, 50, who is believed to have fought for Castro and later against him.

• Virgilio R. Gonzalez, of 930 NW 23rd Ave., a locksmith who did not show up for work Saturday at the Missing Link Locksmiths at 221 NW Eighth Ave.

• Bernard L. Barker, of 5220 NW Fourth St., who was part of the Revolution-

ary Council that planned the Bay of Pigs invasion was identified by neighbors as a real estate agent, "who speaks Spanish without any accent."

According to police, the five were wearing rubber surgical gloves and had electronic equipment with them when they were surprised by plainclothes police alerted by security guards.

Mitchell said of McCord: "He has as we understand it a number of business clients and interests, and we have

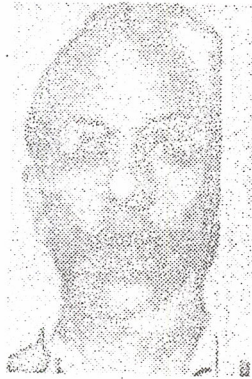


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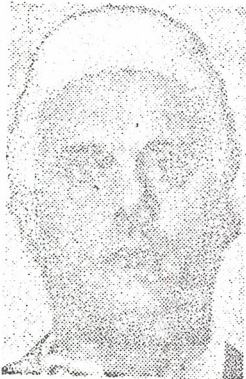
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Bernard L. Barker



Eugenio R. Martinez



Frank Fiorini



Virgilio Gonzales

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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," Mitchell added.

"There is no place in our campaign or in the electoral process for this type of activity and we will not permit or condone it," he added.

The Florida White House, where President Nixon has been staying since Saturday, referred all inquiries about McCord to the campaign

headquarters.

NEIL BALL, of the President's staff, was at first unaware of McCord's link to the Committee to Reelect the President and said he would wait for a statement from Ron Ziegler, the President's press secretary.

Ball ~~has~~ said however, "Call the Committee for the Reelection. We have nothing to add from here."

Speculation about the Cubans' involvement in the plot ran high among Miami's exile community Sunday.

Revolutionary groups identified Barker and Fiorini as ~~being~~ ~~some~~ support recently for the President's blockade of North Vietnamese ports.

Early in May both men took part in the planning and execution of a 200-truck parade throughout Miami of Cubans supporting the parade. At that time they said

they were representatives of captive anti-Communist nations.

An exile source active in revolutionary groups who refused to be identified, said Fiorini was, "distrusted by serious revolutionary groups."

"He is the kind of man who goes around telling you he can sell you weapons and provide men for an invasion," the source said. "But most of those times the weapons are later confiscated by police, so we don't deal with him."

THE HEAD of an exile revolutionary group, who also refused to be identified, said the two Cubans arrested were not known among revolutionary circles, but that the two Americans were.

"I believe the involvement of the Cubans in this situation was simply a mercenary selling services for pay," said the man.

"I doubt whether there is any ideological involvement among our compatriots on the presidential campaign."

In 1960, at the peak of Fiorini's public involvement, his wife told The Miami Herald of his revolutionary ambitions:

"Ever since I've known him all he could talk about was joining a revolution. And I don't think it was adventure he was after — it was money.

"THAT'S ALL he ever talked about — making money, and making money fast. And revolutions — that was the quickest way."

Fiorini disputed his wife's allegations at the time and said his involvement in the Cuban revolution, which he joined and later defected, from was ideological.

In 1959 he claimed to have made a propaganda leaflet raid by plane over Cuba, and that got him into trouble. Later doubt was raised the flight ever took place.

Barker was identified Sunday by exiles as part of the Consejo Revolucionario Cubano that organized the Bay of Pigs invasion under CIA sponsorship. That has not been confirmed, however.

He alienated a number of the exiles with whom he tried to organize the blockade-support parade. They said he looked like a "bully," and had "no manners" and had "too much to say."