

# Nixon campaign security coordinator

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WASHINGTON — One of the five men arrested early Saturday in the attempt to bug the Democratic National Committee headquarters

here is the salaried security coordinator for President Nixon's re-election committee.

In addition, the suspect, former CIA agent, James W.

McCord Jr., also holds a separate contract to provide security services to the Republican National Committee, GOP national chairman Robert Dole said Sunday.

Former Attorney Gen. John N. Mitchell, head of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, said Sunday that McCord was employed by the Nixon committee to help install its own security system.

In a statement issued in Los Angeles, Mitchell said McCord and the other four men arrested at Democratic headquarters Saturday "were not operating either in our behalf or with our consent" in the alleged bugging attempt.

Dole issued a similar statement, adding that, "We deplore action of this kind in or out of politics." An aide to Dole said he was "unsure at this time" exactly what security services McCord was hired to perform by the committee.

Democratic National chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien issued a statement Sunday saying that the bugging attempt and McCord's role in the Nixon committee "raised the ugliest questions about the integrity of the political process that I have encountered in a quarter century."

"No mere statement of innocence by Mr. Nixon's campaign manager will dispel

these questions."

O'Brien called on Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, who succeeded Mitchell, to order an immediate "searching, professional investigation" of the entire matter by the FBI.

A spokesman for Kleindienst said, "The FBI is already investigating . . . their investigative report will be turned over to the criminal division for appropriate action."

McCord, 53, retired from the Central Intelligence Agency in 1970 after 19 years of service and established his own "security consulting firm," McCord Associates. He lives in Rockville, Md.

Sources close to the investigation said Sunday that there was still no explanation as to why the five suspects might attempt to bug Democratic headquarters or if they were working for other individuals or organizations.

"We're baffled at this point . . . the mystery deepens," one high source said.

The five, well-dressed, all wearing rubber surgical gloves and unarmed, were arrested about 2:30 a.m. Saturday after being surprised by D.C. police in the 29-of-

## held in Demo office break-in

office suite of the Democratic headquarters on the sixth floor of the Watergate Hotel.

The suspects had extensive photographic equipment and

electronic surveillance instruments capable of intercepting both regular conversation and telephone communication.

Police said two ceiling panels near chairman O'Brien's office had been removed in such a way to make it possible to slip in a

bugging device.

McCord was still being held on \$30,000 bond Sunday. The other four were being held on \$50,000 bond.