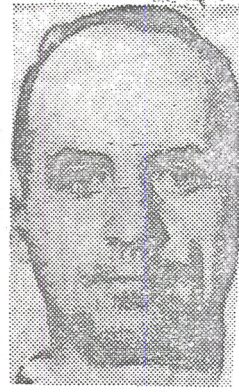


# GOP security chief held in bugging



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A former CIA employe and ex-FBI agent, who is the chief security man on President Richard Nixon's re-election campaign committee was one of the five men found wearing surgical gloves and holding tiny microphones, apparently trying to bug the offices of the Democratic Natinal Committee headquarters at the Watergate early Saturday.

Police said James W. McCord, Jr., 53, of 7 Winder Court, Rockville, who owns a "security consulting firm" with offices at 414 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, was among the five men found by police hiding behind desks in an office next to Democratic National Committee Chairman Larry O'Brien's office.

Former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, who left the Justice Department to head President Nixon's campaign, confirmed yesterday that

Mr. McCord has been drawing a \$1,209 a month in take-home pay, and that he also holds a contract to provide security services for the Republican National Committee.

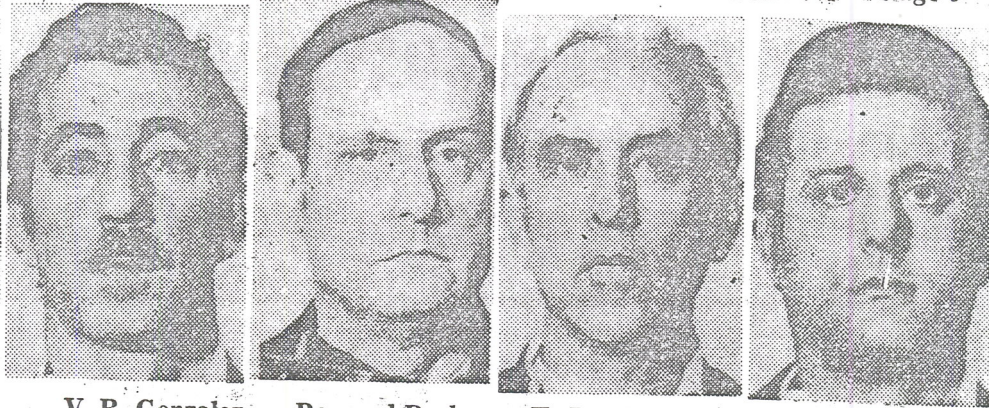
But Mr. Mitchell and other GOP leaders denied responsibility for the alleged bugging attempt, saying, "There is no place in our campaign or in the electoral process for this type of activity, and we will not permit it or condone it."

Democratic National Committee Chairman, Lawrence F. O'Brien, whose office apparently was the target, said, however, that the incident "raises the ugliest questions about the integrity of the political process in this presidential year."

He said the FBI — called in within a few hours of the arrests at the Watergate at 2:30

"Take home pay" means he was personally an employe, not to his own party had been hired.





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a.m. Saturday — should investigate the case "until we know beyond doubt what organization or individuals are behind this."

While the five men arrested at the Watergate remained in D.C. Jail today, police said they were searching for a sixth man, who was reportedly seen by a Watergate employe standing outside the office building entrance while the bugging attempt and arrests were going on inside.

Police were called in to the plush office building-apartment-hotel complex adjacent to the Kennedy Center by a Watergate security guard who had noticed a piece of the tape across a stairwell door lock — placed so the door would not lock when it swung closed.

The guard, Frank Wills, 24, removed the tape, and then returned to the door to check it about 10 minutes later. When he saw a new piece of tape on the lock, he called police.

Sgt. Paul Leper, the supervisor of the Second District's plainclothes detail, and two other officers in street clothes, John Barret and Carl Shollfer, arrived, and checked the stairwell door.

They started upstairs, and found every door on the way to the sixth floor had been taped. On the sixth floor, they found the entrance to the Democratic Committee offices had been jimmied, so with their guns drawn, they started searching the suite of 29 offices.

When the officers walked into the office belonging to Marie Cunningham, secretary to deputy party chairman Stanley Griegg, a man jumped up from behind a desk with his hands in the air, shouting "Don't shoot." Within seconds, all of the five had come out from their hiding places.

Police sources said today that one of the five told officers at police headquarters that when they peeked from behind the desks and saw

three men in old clothes holding guns, they thought the men were burglars.

"They were apparently relieved to find out that it was police," one officer said.

FBI and police officials said the five men removed two ceiling panels in the office of Mrs. Dorothy V. Bush, secretary of the Democratic Party, apparently so a bugging device could be slid into place above the ceiling of the adjacent office — the one occupied by committee chairman O'Brien.

Police said the men also had with them at least two devices capable of picking up and transmitting phone conversations as well as those that might take place between persons in the office, as well as burglary tools, a walkie-talkie, a short wave receiver that could pick up police calls, 40 rolls of unexposed film, two 35 millimeter cameras and three pen-sized tear gas guns, and \$2,300, mostly in \$100 bills.

Police officials said the equipment, at best, could be called "unsophisticated."

Police said they also searched two rooms that had been rented in the office building by four of the men—Mr. McCord had apparently not been involved in the rental—and found \$4,200 in \$100 bills of the same serial number sequence as the money found on the men in the committee offices. They also found more burglary tools and electronic bugging devices in six suitcases.

Police said the other four men arrested were Bernard Barker, alias Frank Carter, of Miami; Eugenio R. Martinez, alias Jeane Valdes, a Miami real estate agent and notary public who, according to prosecutors here, once flew in a private plane to Cuba in violation of immigration laws; Frank Sturgis, alias Angelo Frank Fiorini, alias Edward Hamilton, an American native who joined Fidel Castro's forces before he took over the Cuban government, and then left the island, becoming ac-

tive with anti-Castro exiles in Miami; and Virgilio R. Gonzales, alias Raoul Godoy, a Miami locksmith who was described by his employer as "pro-American and anti-Castro."

Police said all five men, each of whom gave aliases when they were arrested, were charged with attempted burglary and attempted interception of telephone and other conversations.

Meanwhile, sources in Miami told The Washington Daily News today that Sturgis is a soldier of fortune who is linked with several "right wing" groups in the South. A right wing group is believed to have financed the attempt.

In 1958, Fiorini went to Cuba to fight in the revolution and later became second in command to the Cuban Strategic Air Command, and a personal confidant of Maj. Pedro Diaz Lanz, chief of the Cuban Air Force.

When the threat of Castro's move to communism became apparent in 1959, Maj. Diaz and Fiorini defected to Miami where they both became active in right wing political organizations.