

## 4 More Sought In Break-in Case

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WASHINGTON — The authorities are searching for four men who rented rooms at the Watergate Hotel here along with four other men charged with Saturday's raid on the Democratic National Committee, it was disclosed Wednesday.

The four were linked with the accused burglars, a ranking official of the metropolitan police said, by notations on hotel records indicating that all eight are connected with an organization called "Ameritas."

One of the men arrested in the raid, Bernard L. Barker is reported to be a partner in a Miami real estate concern that is registered under that name.

DETAILS on the group were sketchy. Unofficial informants described it as a right-wing, anti-Castro organization with between 1,200 and 1,500 members. It is said to have been operating in the Miami area for about five years.

Inspector Ernest Prete, head of the criminal investigations division of the Washington police, refused to identify the four being sought. He said they stayed at the Watergate during the weekend of May 26-29.

The inspector said he was uncertain whether they had used aliases in registering. One is from Kansas City, two from New York and one from Miami, Inspector Prete reported. One used a Spanish surname, he added.

It was understood that a national search was underway. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which is directing the investigation of the Saturday raid, is coordinating the hunt.

Meanwhile, it was learned

MITCHELL has publicly denied any such link, and was described Wednesday as satisfied that no senior official at the re-election committee or on the White House staff had any connection with the incident. But he has undertaken a precautionary check, using committee employees as well as private investigators. Until Wednesday, White House spokesmen have been saying that the responsibility for the investigation rested solely with the Justice Department and the FBI.

The Democratic National Committee is suing the re-election group for \$1 million for alleged invasion of privacy.

Prete and other sources confirmed that four of those arrested at gunpoint inside the Democratic Party offices also stayed at the hotel on the May 26-29 weekend.

They are Bernard L. Barker, Eugenio R. Martinez, Frank Sturgis and Virgilio R. Gonzales. The fifth man arrested then, James W. McCord Jr., resides in the Washington area.

ALL FIVE ARE said to have had various relationships with the Central Intelligence Agency. McCord was discovered moreover, to be a security consultant for the Committee to Re-elect the President.

There was continuing speculation here and in the Cuban community in Miami that unnamed men banded together, in or out of the Ameritas organization, to carry out a number of politically sensitive operations.

The men were said to be eager to win the government's sympathy for 30,000 to 40,000 Cuban refugees living in Spain, who want permission to enter the United States as resident aliens.

In addition, there has been some speculation that Cuban refugees were apprehensive about any possibility that the Democratic Party Platform Committee might recommend recognition of the Castro regime.

from Republican sources that John N. Mitchell, chairman of the Nixon re-election campaign, had quietly ordered an inquiry of his own to determine what, if any, relationship existed between the group which staged the raid and the Nixon organization. The Democrats have accused the Republicans of a role in the raid.