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**Reporter Allowed
To Reveal Sources
Of Data on Chotiner**

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PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 21 — Federal District Judge Edward T. Gignoux ruled here today that a New Hampshire newspaper reporter might disclose to Watergate investigators his sources for an article linking a former Presidential aide, Murray Chotiner, to acts of political espionage, including the Watergate break-in.

Judge Gignoux also removed the court-ordered ban on releasing information obtained in depositions taken in Mr. Chotiner's \$3-million libel suit against The Manchester Union Leader, and Arthur C. Egan Jr., who wrote the article.

The judge said that he had not been asked to rule on whether the Watergate investigators could be provided information taken on the depositions of Mr. Chotiner and Mr. Egan. By lifting his protective order, he removed the legal restraint keeping Mr. Egan from giving the information to the Senate's Watergate investigation committee.

Protective Order Issued

Last July, Judge Gignoux had issued a protective order, at the request of Mr. Egan, prohibiting the reporter from divulging his sources. Mr. Egan had said then that his and his family's safety would be threatened if the sources were disclosed.

Mr. Egan's attorneys told the court today that the purposes of the protective order had been served because he had given his deposition in private.

The suit resulted from an article that contended that Mr. Chotiner had organized three political sabotage and espionage teams, including the group arrested after the Watergate break-in, with a secret fund underwritten by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and gambling interests in Las Vegas, Nev. Mr. Chotiner denied the allegations and objected to making available the identity of the sources to the Senate Watergate investigators.

Mr. Egan had sought permission to disclose the sources after he was interviewed last week by the investigators.