

# 13 Face Quizzing in Watergate Incident

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Lawrence F. O'Brien, chairman of the McGovern for President campaign, announced yesterday that he intends to have his attorney take formal statements from at least 13 men in his \$1 million civil suit stemming from the break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters.

Included will be former Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans, now President Nixon's campaign finance chairman, and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, until July 1 the President's campaign manager.

In addition, O'Brien said formal depositions will be taken from two former Nixon re-election committee officials, three former or present White House aides, a Washington attorney and the five men arrested inside the Democratic headquarters in the Watergate here on June 17.

O'Brien said his attorney, Edward Bennett Williams, would take the depositions at the rate of one a day beginning Aug. 23, the day President Nixon is scheduled to give his acceptance speech at

the Republican National Convention in Miami.

The list of 13 names was filed in U.S. District Court yesterday. O'Brien said the list is preliminary and names will be added if necessary.

He added that he is amending his civil suit alleging the violation of constitutional rights of all Democrats to say that new evidence shows his Watergate headquarters "were in fact bugged for a period of time."

Previously, O'Brien had said he only had evidence of an attempted electronic eavesdropping. He refused to elaborate yesterday on what that new evidence might be.

The five suspects were carrying electronic eavesdropping gear and photographic equipment when they were arrested inside the Democratic offices.

Last week, a federal judge ruled that the depositions of the five suspects and the three present or former White House aides must be sealed with the court and kept secret until completion of a separate criminal investigation into the incident.

Presumably, the statements of the others—including Stans and Mitchell—would be made public unless their attorneys

petition the court for secrecy.

Stans and Mitchell could not be reached yesterday for comment.

Clark MacGregor, head of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, charged yesterday that O'Brien "is attempting to turn it (the Watergate incident) into a partisan political matter."

MacGregor continued: "We do not intend to participate in any public debate. We will wait until the investigation is complete and all the facts are made known in the appropriate way under our criminal justice system."

In a related matter yesterday, U.S. District Court Judge George L. Hart ordered a Miami man to testify before the grand jury investigating the Watergate incident.

Hart ordered that Felipe de Diego answer questions and be granted partial immunity from prosecution. The judge acted after a grand jury appearance in which Diego repeatedly invoked the Fifth Amendment's protection against self-incrimination.

Government prosecutors said in open court that they wanted to learn about two trips Diego apparently made from Miami to Washington during May, and about Diego's

relationship with two of the men arrested in the Democratic offices on June 17.

Diego, reportedly a native of Cuba, is described by federal sources as a survivor of the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961. Later that year it was reported that Diego was involved in an attempt to exchange farm tractors for some of the men captured during the invasion.

Several of the men arrested in the Watergate incident have ties to the Bay of Pigs invasion and are Cubans active in the anti-Castro movement in Miami.

O'Brien said depositions will also be taken from: Hugh W. Sloan Jr., the former treasurer of the Nixon campaign committee; G. Gordon Liddy, former Nixon finance counsel; Douglas Caddy, the first attorney for the five suspects in the case; E. Howard Hunt Jr., former White House consultant; Charles W. Colson, special counsel to the President; Alfred Wong, chief of Secret Service technical services at the White House; and the five suspects, including James W. McCord Jr., the former security chief to the Nixon campaign committee.