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Fensterwald Associate Denies Cash Funneled

James W. McCord Jr. did not funnel money to his attorney, Bernard Fensterwald Jr., for Fensterwald's Committee to Investigate Assassinations, the committee's executive director told The Dallas News this week.

McCord's previous attorney, Gerald Alch of Boston, testified Wednesday during the Senate hearing on the Watergate case that Fensterwald recalled McCord had funneled money through him to the committee.

"Oh yes, that's right," Alch quoted McCord's reply.

Robert P. Smith, executive director of the committee, explained what he called "just one of those incredible combination of circumstances."

Smith said Louis Russell, a mutual friend of both McCord and Fensterwald before

the two first met last March, had asked Fensterwald to cash his payroll checks for him several times because Russell's bank was a distance away in a suburb of Washington.

Russell worked for McCord in 1970 and 1971 as a security guard, as well as for others as a guard, Smith said.

About a dozen such checks were cashed by Fensterwald for Russell and only one was a payroll check from McCord Associates, Smith said.

Russell brought McCord and Fensterwald together last March when he introduced them to each other while trying to find help in raising \$100,000 in bail money to free McCord.

McCord raised \$60,000 by mortgaging his house and Fensterwald put up the remaining \$40,000.

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