

**Sturgis Trial** <sup>POST</sup> 10/16/73

MIAMI—Jury selection began in U.S. District Court yesterday in the trial of convicted Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis and two others.

They are charged with illegally transporting stolen automobiles across the Mexican border.

Sturgis, Max Gonzalez and Jerry Buchanan were each indicted by a federal grand jury in Miami on one count of conspiracy and two counts of illegally transporting stolen Florida cars across the border. Each count carries a maximum five-year sentence.

Sturgis, who originally pleaded guilty to the July, 1972, burglary at the Democratic National headquarters, is serving a provisional 40-year sentence. He recently asked U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica in Washington to change the plea to innocent but Sirica has not yet ruled on that motion.

Army Gen. J.: