

Hill Seeks Possible Democratic Spy

By Jack Anderson

Harried Senate sleuths, spurred by Republican complaints that the Watergate investigation has been too one-sided against the GOP, are searching for a possible Democratic spy to haul before the television cameras.

Their hottest clue is a confidential memo, which President Nixon's political hotshot, Murray Chotiner, wrote on June 9, 1972, to former Attorney General John Mitchell.

Chotiner cited a report from his spy, Seymour Freidin, identified by the code name "Chapman's Friend" that Sen. George McGovern had managed to plant his own spy in Nixon campaign headquarters.

"Richard Dougherty of the McGovern camp told Chapman's Friend in California," reported Chotiner, "that he has a line into the headquarters at 1701 Pennsylvania."

The memo quoted the alleged conversation between Dougherty and Freidin.

"We have a real line," Dougherty supposedly said, "into the headquarters at 1701 Pennsylvania."

"You mean," asked Chapman's Friend, "you have infiltrated them?"

"Yes," Dougherty reportedly replied.

"We get their material, including their position papers."

Commented Chotiner: "It could well be that anything the McGovern forces get is material we want the general public to have. The significant thing is that if Dougherty is being truthful, someone in the organization is passing on material without authority."

Apparently, Freidin was instructed to seek more information. He reported back to Chotiner on June 3: "I talked to Dougherty several times about (the spy), reminding him that he had mentioned this to me. He shrugged but would say no more."

We reached Dougherty, now an NBC newsman, who said Freidin had invented the whole conversation.

"I have somewhere back in the hazy attic of my mind," said Dougherty, "a recollection that I told somebody we got information from Nixon headquarters in the abstract way that we al-

ways had kids who would go in and pick up campaign material." But beyond that, Dougherty said, the McGovern forces had no pipeline into the Nixon camp.

This was reaffirmed by one of McGovern's campaign managers, Frank Mankiewicz, who recalled that a source once delivered some outdated polling data from Nixon's advertising group. But said Mankiewicz, "we had no inside contact."

The Senate investigators, nevertheless, are still looking.

Food Fiasco—A Senate report, soon to be published, will charge that the Nixon administration has mismanaged the food crisis.

"The events of the last year have thrown our food and farm policies into serious disarray," declares the report, "making it necessary to seriously re-examine America's commitment to the war against hunger. . ."

The report is signed by Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition.

"We have chosen commercial sales of wheat to the Soviet Union," criticizes the report, "over guarantees of an adequate diet

for those impoverished Americans who subsist on surplus commodities.

"We have chosen . . . to feed American livestock in support of our taste for meat over grain, instead of meeting desperate human needs in West Africa, Southeast Asia and elsewhere

"We neither have nor appear to be pursuing with any vigor policies which would help us avoid these soul-shattering choices."

The report warns that "world agricultural production is finite. Most productive land is already in use, and only that in developed countries is capable of substantial increases in production. Most waterways available for irrigation have also been developed. Most of the world's grazing capacity is being used. Many marine biologists believe we have reached the limit in harvesting edible fish from the seas.

"Yet food demand continues to rise at an alarming rate . . . even with bumper crops, things will not be as they were."

Concludes the report: "Self-interest requires that we strive to become again the world's arsenal of agricultural abundance."