

Photos Hint 'Bugging'

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District police officials today disclosed they have sent some photographs to Miami, Fla., amid indications that the pictures might lead to an early break in the investigation of Saturday's break-in at the Democratic National Committee.

Inspector Ernest J. Prete, in charge of the case for the Washington police force, said certain photos were sent off to Miami today. He would not divulge whether the pictures are of possible new suspects in the case or were taken from exposed film seized from the five suspects already under arrest.

Neither was it disclosed whether the photos had been sent to the Miami police or to the Federal Bureau of Investigation field office there. There are strong indications that the FBI has taken over the major

portion of the investigation into the case despite the absence of any federal charge or warrant.

Prete said, "We could get the big break in the case today." Reporters took this to mean that Prete anticipates discovering the identity of the sixth individual believed to have taken part in the Water-

gate Hotel break-in, or discovery of the mastermind police have deduced was behind the intrusion into the National Committee headquarters.

(However, a source close to the investigation in Miami said there have been no indications there of imminent developments in the case.)

Meanwhile, the president of the public relations firm that employs Howard E. Hunt Jr. announced today that Hunt was suspended because he has not reported to the company since the possibility he was connected with some of the arrested men was disclosed.

Robert F. Bennett, the son of Republican Sen. Wallace Bennett of Utah and president of Robert R. Mullen & Co., announced today that Hunt

was out of touch for a second day and that he was being sought to explain any possible connection to the incident.

Bennett said he asked Hunt about reports that he was connected to the Watergate raiding party when he last saw him Monday afternoon. He quoted Hunt as replying, "I was nowhere near that place Saturday."

Hunt, a former CIA agent who has been working for the White House from time to time as a consultant and for a public relations firm with strong Republican ties, was interviewed by FBI agents at his Potomac home, but he report-

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edly shed no light on the investigation.

Hunt's name surfaced during the investigation following the early morning break-in Saturday at the Democratic National Committee, where five men, with various links to the CIA, were arrested at gunpoint

during an apparent attempt to copy documents and plant surveillance microphones.

Some consideration was being given at police headquarters to a theory that the intruders might have broken into the Democratic offices Saturday to remove bugging devices implanted there previously. Inspector Ernest J. Prete said, however, this was only one of a number of ideas voiced by investigators as possible explanations for the sequence of events. Based on present knowledge, Prete said, this concept of the motivation is regarded only as speculation.

Democrats have called the case an act of political espionage. Republicans have denied involvement.

Hunt's name, with the notation "W House," was found in the address books of two of those arrested. They are Eu-

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genio R. Martinez, an anti-Castro Cuban, and Bernard L. Barker, said to be a top aide to Hunt at the time of the Bay of Pigs invasion. They and three other suspects are being held in lieu of bail.

Hunt, a novelist and intelligence agent who helped run the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961, listed the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, a top White House assistant and conservative columnist William F. Buckley as references when he sought work as a writer with Robert R. Mullen & Co. in 1970.

He was hired by the Mullen public relations firm with the endorsement of CIA Director Richard Helms. Subsequently he was given added work as a consultant on declassification of secret documents by another friend, Charles W. Colson, a White House operative who handles sensitive political chores for President Nixon.

The address book notations, together with Hunt's ties to CIA Director Helms and White House aide Colson, have raised a flurry of new unanswered questions which the White House turned aside, and which Hunt was not available to answer.

Much speculation has centered around possible ties between the five suspects and GOP and Nixon campaign circles. However, a check with the Dade County voter registration office showed that two of the four suspects from the Miami area, Barker and Virgilia Gonzales, are registered as Republicans and the two others, Frank Sturgis and Martinez, as Democrats. McCord is registered as a Republican in Montgomery

County, Md.

Another indirect link between Hunt and the suspects was the lawyer called into the case Saturday by the wife of Barker. Douglas Caddy, who acted as Barker's lawyer during his arraignment, was described as a friend of Hunt's by the president of the public relations firm where Hunt works.

Caddy had office space in that firm up until two years ago, the firm's president said.

Analyzing Reports

Meanwhile, the Washington police began an analysis of records and reports in an attempt to determine whether earlier burglaries and attempted break-ins at the Watergate correspond to dates on which some of the suspects had been registered at the hotel previously. Investigators have determined that four of the five suspects were registered at the Watergate between May 26 and 29.

Inspector Ernest J. Prete, who is in charge of Metropolitan Police coordination of the entire Watergate case, has assigned Detective Sgt. Thomas Riley to compile a list of all break-ins at the Watergate since April 1 to match against dates when suspects were known to be here before.

A new report of an old burglary came to police yesterday from a law firm with Democratic party ties and on the 10th floor of the Watergate, Freed, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Kampelman.

The firm told police yesterday their offices were broken into May 18, but the incident was not reported then because nothing appeared to be missing. At that time, it was said, the burglary was not thought of in terms of political spying.

Members of the firm include Sargent Shriver, a Democratic political adviser and brother-in-law in the Kennedy family; Max Kampelman, a counsellor to Sen. Hubert Humphrey; and Patricia Harris, chairman of the Credentials Committee for the Democratic National Convention.

Police records also show that someone attempted to remove locks from the national committee offices on the sixth floor at the Watergate on May 28. The Watergate and sur-

rounding area is a prime attraction to burglars and more than 160 larcenies have occurred in the area in recent months, police said.

Inspector Prete said Riley's task is to try to pinpoint dates and times of other robberies and attempts in relation to known presence of the suspects in the Watergate.

FBI agents in Miami say they are conducting an extensive investigation into the activities of the four Miamians already charged with the break-in.

Kenneth Whittaker, special agent in charge of the Miami FBI office, said "we have interviewed many persons in Miami, including members of the Miami Cuban colony."

What we are seeking to determine here in Miami is whether any federal law has

been violated here and whether any conspiracy exists," said Whittaker.

Police have been seeking a sixth and perhaps a seventh man who, they theorize, may have manned a walkie-talkie they found in a room the suspects had rented in the Watergate Hotel. Police also feel the man may have replaced tape on the doors to the office which had been removed by a security guard who found that the doors had been prevented from locking.

One of the arrested men, James W. McCord, was under contract to both the Committee for the Re-election of the President and the Republican National Committee to handle their security problems. He was a recent retiree from the CIA, and he set up a private company in Rockville around the time he received the two Republican contracts.

Spokesmen at the committees said McCord came more highly recommended, and with a better background in security matters, than any other applicant for the jobs. Others who know McCord, who taught security courses at Montgomery College and was active in the military reserves as a training officer, also reported that a clandestine midnight raid was not his normal style.

Hunt has a mysterious background as a CIA operative for 20 years and as a participant in some past operations such as the Bay of Pigs.

While no connection has been made between him and the case, he has ties to both the high White House aide and to members of the anti-Castro Cuban community.

He and Colson shared duties in the Brown University Club of Washington, and Colson hired Hunt as a consultant to the White House. Hunt and Barker worked closely together during the Bay of Pigs, the New York Times reported.

The Times reported that two weeks ago Hunt visited Barker in Miami, where the latter runs a real estate agency.

FBI agents were reportedly scouring the Cuban community in Miami for more information about the suspects.