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WASHINGTON — The air-raid leader of five men charged with breaking into the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee has been identified as an affluent Miami realtor with important Republican Party links in Florida. He was also said to have

been one of the top planners of the CIA's abortive invasion of Cuba in 1961. Private and official sources who know the five suspects and their background said that the leader was Cuban-born Bernard L. Barker, who under the code name of "Machó," acted for the CIA

in planning the Bay of Pigs operation. José E. de la Espinosa, leader of an anti-Castro organization that has sought support for an exile invasion of Cuba, told The Miami News that Barker "used to work for the CIA here at the time of the Bay of Pigs invasion, that was public knowledge. It was no mystery. He was a sort of assistant to the man who was in charge here for the CIA, a man named Bender."

for Metro mayor in 1970 and finished little. According to his acquaintances, Barker is associated with Suarez in the sale of condominium apartments.
Robert Rosasco, Dade

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Four Miamians — one with apparent ties to the Bay of Pigs invasion — and the security coordinator for the Committee to Re-elect President Nixon were charged Saturday with breaking into the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington, D.C. Police said the men were carrying cameras and film which could have been used to photograph confidential documents and sophisticated electronic devices capable of bugging the offices. (Story about Nixon campaign security man is on Page 3A.)

At the time of his arrest, Barker gave his address as 955 SW 1st St. Miami, which is the office of Manuel A. Suarez, a Cuban exile lawyer prominent in Republican circles here.

County GOP chairman told The Miami News that Barker had a considerable fortune, it was reported. Dade County urged Robert Rosasco said he had never heard of Barker.

According to sources here, Barker was in Miami five during the Bay of Pigs period, and was one of the principal links between the CIA headquarters and Cuban exile pre-invasion operations. Barker was reported to have played a role in establishing the secret invasion force in Guatemala and to have been one of the conduits for the money to the exile army.

Barker, former CBS editor, is closely associated with Capt. Manuel Artime, the military leader of the invasion. Artime, who lives in Miami, is reported to have business connections with prominent Cuban exiles in Miami, who in turn have links to the Republican Party.

Barker held several jobs before establishing his own real-estate firm in Miami, a former employer of his told The Miami News. Robert E. Marx, a Miami realtor, said they met three or four years ago when Barker managed a store in the Central Shopping Plaza. Marx said Barker obtained a real-estate license, joined a local firm and later went to work for him.

"He worked for me about a year and a half as a real-estate salesman," said Marx. "He left right after the war and he never came back."

In a letter to the editor of The Miami News, published March 30, 1960, Fiorini — a name that name rather than Fiorini — objected to people who letters from readers demanding better U.S.-Cuban relations.

In Cuba, he wrote, "we have seen on multiple occasions how human rights were violated, how representative democracy has been denied to the people, how the U.S. government has been accused of imperialism, our President and State Department officials ridiculed, and worst of all, how Castro has defiled the Communist banner in America, trying to corrupt Western civilization."

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