

White House Consultant Tied to Bugging Figure

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A consultant to White House special counsel Charles W. Colson is listed in the address books of two of the five men arrested in an attempt to bug the Democratic National headquarters here early Saturday.

Federal sources close to the investigation said the address books contain the name and home telephone number of Howard E. Hunt with the notations, "W. House" and "W.H."

In addition, a stamped, unmailed envelope containing Hunt's personal check for \$6 and a bill for the same amount from the Lakewood Country Club in Rockville also were found among the suspects' belongings, sources said.

Hunt worked for the Central Intelligence Agency from 1949 to 1970. All five suspects in what Democratic Party chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien has called an "incredible act of political espionage" have had links to the CIA.

In other developments yesterday:

- It was reported that one of the five suspects, Eugenio R. Martinez, contacted University of Miami officials two weeks ago seeking housing for about 3,000 Young Republicans during the Republican National Convention.

- Former CIA employee and FBI agent James W. McCord Jr., a suspect who worked for the Republicans as a security coordinator, served until four months ago in a special 15-member military reserve

unit. The Washington-based unit develops lists of radicals and draws up contingency plans for censorship of the news media and U.S. mail.

- White House spokesman Ronald L. Ziegler told reporters in Florida with the President that he would not comment on "a third-rate burglary attempt." In addition Ziegler said that "certain elements may try to stretch this beyond what it is."

- Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said he didn't think the Republican party

had anything to do with the bizarre bugging incident.

- O'Brien said his party might take civil court action against the suspects because the party's First Amendment rights and civil rights were violated.

The White House personnel office confirmed yesterday that Hunt is a consultant to Colson and has an office in the old Executive Office Building. Colson is said to specialize in delicate assignments for the President.

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Ken W. Clawson, current White House aide who until recently was a reporter, wrote in February, 1971, in The Washington Post that Colson had been "dubbed" as one of the "original back-room boys . . . the brokers, the guys who fix things when they break down and do the dirty work when it's necessary."

When Hunt was asked by a reporter yesterday why two of the suspects had his phone number, he said, "Good God!" He then paused and said, "In view that the matter is under adjudication, I have no comment." He then hung up the telephone.

Clawson, now deputy director of communications for the White House, said yesterday that Hunt worked as a White House consultant in declassification of the Pentagon papers and most recently on narcotics intelligence.

He said Hunt last worked for the White House on March 29, 1972, for a regular daily consultant fee. These fees are generally a \$100 a day, other sources said.

"I've looked into the matter very thoroughly and I am convinced that neither Mr. Colson nor anyone else at the White House had any knowledge of, or participation in, this deplorable incident at the Democratic National Committee," Clawson said in a prepared statement.

Hunt is employed as a writer with the public relations firm of Robert R. Mullen & Co., 1790 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, directly across from both Mr. Nixon's re-election campaign headquarters and the main White House offices.

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This was the sequence of events when a Washington Post reporter called the White House and asked to speak to Howard E. Hunt early yesterday:

A switchboard operator rang an extension, and when no one answered, she told the reporter: "There is one other place he might be—in Mr. Colson's office." She dialed Colson's office, where a secretary said, "Mr. Hunt is not here now." She then gave the reporter Hunt's number at the

public relations firm across the street.

Hunt's name and phone number was in the pop-up address book of Eugenio Martinez, a real estate agent and notary public who has been active in the anti-Castro movement in Miami.

A small, black address book of one of the other suspects also has Hunt's name and phone number, the sources said.

Also taken by police was a savings account book that shows Martinez has \$7,199 in a Miami bank, according to the sources.

Another name in one of the address books is that of James Grimm, head of housing for the University of Miami. Grimm yesterday told Post reporter Kirk Scharfenberg in Miami that Martinez contacted him about two weeks ago, seeking housing for about 3,000 Young Republicans during the Republican National Convention.

Grimm said he could not provide the rooms because classes would soon begin. Republican officials said they had no knowledge of Martinez's efforts to secure housing for Young Republicans.

Martinez works in the real estate agency of another of the suspects, Bernard L. Barker, who is said by Cuban exiles to have worked for the CIA since the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961.

Baker is a joint investor in several apartment house developments in Miami with Miguel A. Suarez, a Republican who ran unsuccessfully for Dade County mayor in 1970.

In addition to Martinez and McCord, the other three suspects, all Miami residents, have been identified as: Frank Sturgis, also known as Frank Fiorini, an American who served in Fidel Castro's revolutionary army and has since been a leader in the anti-Castro guerrilla movement; Firgilio R. Gonzales, a locksmith; and Bernard L. Barker, a native American said by exiles to have worked on and off for the CIA.

McCord was still being held on \$30,000 bond yesterday, and the other four on \$50,000 bond.

They are charged with attempted burglary and at-

tempted interception of telephone and other communication.

All five suspects, well-dressed, wearing rubber surgical gloves and armed only with tear gas pens, were arrested about 2:30 a.m. Saturday by D.C. police inside the sixth floor 29-office suite of the Democratic headquarters in the Watergate, 2600 Virginia Ave. NW.

Though the alleged bugging attempt at first appeared to be very sophisticated and professional, experts in the field of wiretapping have since said it was amateurish.

Capt. Richard L. Franz of the Navy reserves acknowledged that McCord was a member of the Office of Emergency Preparedness special analysis division, a 15-member reserve unit that meets monthly at 604 17th St. NW, across from the Executive Office Building.

Franz said he could not discuss the work of the unit. However, other sources in the unit said that one of its functions is to develop a list of radicals and contingency plans for censorship of the news media and U.S. mail in event of war.

McCord dropped out of the unit about four months ago. He is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force reserves.

Meanwhile, the International Association of Chiefs of Police reported yesterday that they paid McCord about \$750 in March for teaching a five-day course in security at an association conference.

Robert F. Bennett, president of the public relations firm at which Hunt works, said yesterday that the firm also has an affiliate, called Interprogress, that is attempting to increase American trade with Communist countries.

Hunt worked for the White House a total of 63 days in 1971 and another 24 days so far this year, according to White House spokesman Clawson.

Hunt was brought into the White House by Colson because of his CIA expertise, Clawson said. He said Colson met Hunt in 1966 at the Brown University Club.

Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, head of the Nixon campaign committee, said in a prepared statement released Sunday, that the President's committee is expe-

riencing its own security problems.

Pressed for elaboration on Republican security problems, DeVan L. Shumway, director of public relations for the committee, declined to give details yesterday. He said investigations are under way, but refused to disclose who was conducting them.

Shumway said that one of the things that led the committee to suspect a deterioration of security was an Associated Press story last week that disclosed quotes from a closed-door meeting between Mitchell and a senior committee staff member.

The story alleging that the Republicans were "targeting in" on Sen. McGovern, was not true, Shumway said.)

Shumway said that as of yesterday morning, McCord was no longer on the committee payroll.

In response to a reporter's question, Shumway said that McCord had been hired through the committee's personnel office, whose director is Robert Odle.

Shumway said he would not make Odle available to a reporter "because he is not a public figure." Odle referred a reporter's questions to Shumway.

Shumway said that McCord was dismissed by Odle because of the allegations stemming from the "delicate situation." He said that it had been Odle's responsibility to make the original check of McCord's qualifications, and to make the decision to hire.

McCord had been working out of the committee's security office on the third floor, Shumway said. "I assume he was in the office on a daily basis," he said.

As security chief, McCord was responsible for setting up the committee's internal security system and "would have the knowledge of whether we were under electronic surveillance," Shumway said.

Meanwhile, security precautions at Republican committee headquarters have been tightened as a result of the Watergate bugging attempt, Shumway said. He demurred when asked for details of the new precautions.

"When you get into the area of political campaigns these days, you can't discuss such things (security) in depth," Shumway said.



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Democratic Chairman O'Brien says party may take court action on bugging attempt.

Joseph A. Rafferty Jr., a counsel for the five suspects, said last night that he would file a motion in D.C. Superior Court today seeking to reduce the bail of his clients.

Rafferty said he is seeking to have the men released to the custody of a court-appointed "local person." The reduction, he said, would be in line with information about the suspects verified by bail bondsmen yesterday.

In New York, where he was campaigning for today's primary, Sen. McGovern said that the incident "is the legacy of years of wiretapping and snooping and invasion of privacy," in which the government has been involved.

McGovern said he had no

evidence that would link the Republican party or its leaders to the weekend incident.

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