

# '\$2 million

## on airliner'

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Sherman Skolnick said Friday that "I have proof" that the wife of convicted Watergate figure E. Howard Hunt was carrying more than \$2 million on a jet that crashed in Chicago Dec. 8.

Skolnick said he will present his proof to the National Transportation Safety Board, which announced Thursday it would hear testimony about the United Air Lines jet crash from Skolnick.

Skolnick, head of the Citizens Committee to Clean Up the Courts, said that the \$2 million was mostly in money orders and travelers checks and had come from funds of the Committee for the Re-election of the President (CRP).

**SKOLNICK**, A self-taught legal researcher, said that he will produce two witnesses, and possibly some documents, that will prove that Mrs. Hunt was carrying the huge sum in her luggage.

The \$2 million was impounded by federal officials after the crash near Midway Airport, Skolnick said. "The news media were told that she was carrying only \$10,000," he added.

Mrs. Dorothy Hunt was among 45 persons killed in the crash. Police said that among Mrs. Hunt's effects they found 100 new \$100 bills bound with a rubberband.

James W. McCord Jr., one of seven men given prison terms in the break-in and bugging of Democratic headquarters in Washington's Watergate Hotel, told federal investigators Mrs. Hunt was a courier of payoffs to Watergate defendants for their silence.

UNITED AIR Lines asked the NTSB May 24 to call Skolnick as a witness because he has repeatedly charged that the crash was an act of sabotage to kill Mrs. Hunt and three others aboard the plane.

Skolnick said he had been informed by the NTSB that his public deposition hearing has been set tentatively for 10 a.m. June 13 in the Sheraton-O'Hare Motor Hotel, 6810 N. Mannheim Rd., Rosemont.