

# Midway plane quiz told of 'CIA agent'

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A former congressman's aide testified Thursday that an associate told him he saw a man he identified as a CIA agent walk from the wreckage of a jetliner here.

Jean-Pierre Guilmant, a former aide to the late U.S. Rep. George Collins (D-Ill.), who was among 45 persons killed in the United Air Lines crash Dec. 8, testified at a federal hearing in Rosemont.

The hearing was called by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to hear legal researcher Sherman Skolnick's allegations that the jetliner was sabotaged.

**GUILMANT SAID** that after the crash he sent to the scene seven members of Collins' staff and also a friend who carried military intelligence identification and happened to be only eight blocks away from the crash when the plane went down.

Guilmant said the man with military identification was the only acquaintance of his to get through police lines at the crash scene.

Guilmant, Collins' former press secretary, said his friend saw the man he identified as a CIA agent dressed in a jump suit step from the fuselage section of the wrecked jet. Guil-mant said his friend recognized the CIA man as somebody he knew from military service.

**BOARD MEMBERS** asked Guilmant, now editorial director of the Chicago Courier, a weekly newspaper, to identify the man who carried military intelligence credentials.

Guilmant replied that he could not give the name because the man apparently feared reprisals from other government officials.

All three members of the jetliner's cockpit crew were killed in the crash and a United Air Lines attorney, J. Richard Street, told the hearing that only two persons were able to walk from the wreckage unassisted.

He identified them as Harold Metcalf, 34, of suburban Tinley Park, a supervisor for the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, and Marvin Anderson, 43, assistant director of the electronic research division of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

**GUILMANT ALSO** said he saw "some connection between Watergate and Michelle Clark," a CBS correspondent who was also killed in the crash.

The witness said that Collins called him from Florida in July, 1972, during the Democratic National Convention and asked for a briefing on the Watergate bugging scandal. Guil-mant said Collins told him Miss Clark wanted to interview him on Watergate.

CBS has repeatedly denied Miss Clark was making a Wa-

tergate investigation.

Mrs. Dorothy Hunt, wife of convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt, was also killed in the crash. Investigators recovered \$10,000 in \$100 bills from her belongings. The cash has been traced to the Watergate cover-up.