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\$10,000, Found on Dead Wife Of Watergate Figure, Seized

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CHICAGO, Dec. 10—The \$10,000 in cash found in the purse of the dead wife of one of the main figures in the Watergate case was placed today in the evidence section vault of the Chicago police. The police referred all questions about the money to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which declined to comment.

The police said that they had found the money, a packet of \$100 bills, as they searched the wreckage of a United Air Lines jet in which 45 persons were killed on Friday when it crashed into four houses in a Southwest Side residential neighborhood.

The police said the money belonged to Mrs. Dorothy Hunt, the wife of E. Howard Hunt, one of the seven men indicted in connection with the break-in and alleged attempt to bug Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington last June. Mrs. Hunt was among those killed in the crash.

Mr. Hunt, a former White House consultant, one-time Central Intelligence Agency operative and a prolific author of spy novels, flew here Friday night, but reportedly returned to Washington yesterday. He was not available for comment.

Harold C. Carlstead, who is married to Mrs. Hunt's cousin, identified the body.

Mr. Carlstead, a certified

public accountant, told reporters that Mrs. Hunt was bringing the "\$10,000 in cash to him as part of a business transaction." But he declined to say what the transaction might be or to answer any other questions.

Consecutively numbered \$100 bills amounting to \$5,600 were found in the possession of Bernard L. Barker, another Watergate defendant, when he and his accomplices were arrested inside the Democratic headquarters last June 17.