

Crash victim's \$10,583 SUN-THES Dec-12-late edition attracts Watergate probers

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Official interest intensified Monday in the mystery surrounding Mrs. E. Howard Hunt, the Chicago plane-crash victim whose husband has been indicted in the break-in of the Democratic national headquarters in the Watergate office building in Washington.

Attention first centered on Mrs. Hunt when \$10,583 — mostly in \$100 bills — was found in a purse in her luggage.

Then on Monday, sources in Washington said Mrs. Hunt had been insured for \$225,000 on the fatal flight. The flight insurance cost \$7.50.

The heavy flight insurance is under investigation by the U.S. attorney's office in-



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involved in prosecuting seven men in the Watergate case.

Investigators in Chicago said the recovered cash consisted of 100 \$100 bills, 10 \$50 bills, 2 \$20 bills, a \$5 bill, a \$2 bill and 16 \$1 bills.

The bills were old, and their serial numbers were not in any particular sequence. This differed from the federal government's description of the \$50,000 in \$100 bills allegedly used to pay off the Watergate intruders.

Police reported one of the bills bore the written inscription: "Good luck. FS" — the initials (as Frank Sturgis', one of those arrested inside the Democratic National Committee offices. The serial number on the bill started "007" — the numerical code for the fictional secret agent James Bond.

The government has said the Watergate \$100 bills were all new 1969 Series F bills running in sequence from 02457101A to 02457600A.

Hunt, a former Central Intelligence Agency official and former consultant to the Nixon administration, was charged with being involved in the break-in last June, but he was not one of those arrested inside the Democratic headquarters.

Some of the money traced to those involved has been linked to funds collected by the Republicans' Committee to Re-elect the President for the 1972 presidential campaign, but not all of the money allegedly given the intruders has been located.

Mrs. Hunt, 52, of Potomac, Mich., was coming to Chicago to talk over a business matter with a cousin, Harold A. Carlstead of Flossmoor. Both Hunt and Carlstead, who met Monday in Washington, have declined further comment on the nature of Mrs. Hunt's trip.

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