

Watergate sleuth sees jet cash tie

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An investigator who helped convict one of the Watergate bugging figures told The Daily News Wednesday that \$10,585 found in a wrecked jetliner here may be part of \$109,000 missing in the Watergate case.

Chief investigator Martin Dardis of the Dade County state's attorney's office in Miami added that he believes the money came to Chicago via a transaction at a New York City bank.

"We were never able to trace \$109,000 of the Watergate money. It was all in \$100 bills and some of those bills found

in Chicago could be part of it," said Dardis.

THE WIFE of E. Howard Hunt, a defendant in the Watergate bugging break-in case in Washington, was carrying the \$10,585, including 100 \$100 bills.

Mrs. Dorothy Hunt, 52, of Potomac, Md., who was killed in last Friday's United Air Lines crash, was coming to Chicago to visit a cousin, Harold A. Carlstead, who lives in suburban Flossmoor.

Dardis played a key role in the Dade County investigation of another of the Watergate figures, Bernard L. Barker,

who deposited \$114,000 in the Republic National Bank in Miami and then drew it out in \$100 bills.

Barker and four of the other defendants were arrested at 2:30 a.m. last June 17 inside Democratic National Headquarters in the Watergate Hotel in Washington.

BARKER HAD 53 \$100 bills in his possession when he was arrested. He and the other four persons were carrying electronic listening devices, cameras for photographing documents, burglary equipment

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and hand-held radio. The five wore surgical gloves.

Hunt was a \$100-a-day White House consultant until shortly before the seven were indicted Sept. 15 in the Watergate break-in.

He said another top White House consultant, Gregory Lindy, who also was indicted, was not arrested inside the Watergate.

DARDIS PLAYED a key role in the investigation that led to the conviction of Barker last month on charges of unlawfully obtaining a \$250,000 Republican campaign check. He received a 60-day suspended jail term in a bench trial.

Dade County State's Atty. Richard Gerstein contended that the \$25,000 was part of \$114,000 in donations to President Nixon's campaign that were used to finance the Watergate break-in.

Both Hunt and Barker formerly served with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Dardis said that because of his extensive work in the Florida case, he had done some investigative work on the \$100 bills that were found in the checked folder in Chicago.

Dardis said that at least 20 of the bills started with the prefix "B" which indicates they

came from the Federal Reserve Bank in New York City.

The Miami investigator also noted that two sets of the New York bills were in sequence and that this led him to believe that Mrs. Hunt or whoever gave her the money had obtained the cash from a New York bank before coming to Chicago.

INVESTIGATORS said that

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after withdrawing the \$114,000 in \$100 bills from the Miami bank, Barker and others may have used a series of financial transactions to get \$100 bills that were issued by Federal Reserve Banks in the North, rather than the Atlanta's Federal Reserve Bank, which serves Miami.

Mrs. Hunt had been insured for \$225,000 on the fatal flight.

TWO HANDWRITTEN names found with the \$10,585 also added somewhat to the mystery.

One of them was a Dr. Gary Morris, with the word "hypnotist" written after it in parentheses. The Washington telephone book lists a Dr. Gary Morris with two offices, but his phones at both offices had been disconnected.

Dr. Marvin Korengold, a Washington neurologist, who insisted he had never heard of Mrs. Hunt. He added that he did not know why she would have his name in her billfold.

MEANWHILE, agents of the National Transportation Safety Board continued an investigation aimed at determining what caused the fatal crash of the United 737 jet as it approached Midway Airport.

Forty-five persons were killed in the crash. Eighteen others were injured.