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# No Sabotage in Hunt Air Death

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Government sources say an unusual investigation by FBI agents has failed to uncover any evidence of sabotage in the jetliner crash near Chicago's Midway Airport last year that killed the wife of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

Forty-five persons including Dorothy Hunt were killed when the United Air Lines plane crashed Dec. 8. Mrs. Hunt's purse, containing \$10,000 in cash, was found in the wreckage. Her husband said Mrs. Hunt was taking the money to Chicago to invest.

#### Tapes Heard

The FBI interviewed witnesses to the accident, questioned control tower personnel and listened to the tapes of conversations between the crew of the jet and the tower, the sources said yesterday.

According to sources close

to the Watergate investigation, Mrs. Hunt was identified to a grand jury by Hunt's co-conspirator James McCord as the person who delivered cash payments to McCord to defray legal expenses connected with his Watergate arrest.

#### Bills Untraced

An FBI spokesman said the agency was called to identify bodies found in the wreckage, but widened its probe to include an investigation for possible sabotage. The sources said that the Safety Board's report on the cause of accident — to be released soon — will show no evidence of sabotage.

In another development, the Federal Reserve Board confirmed it had attempted unsuccessfully to trace the \$10,000 in Mrs. Hunt's purse. The tracing attempt was undertaken at the request of the House Banking Committee.