

# Inquiry Widened in Raid on Democrats

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation widened today its investigation of the mysterious attempt to install listening devices in the offices of the Democratic National Committee here.

In Miami, the F.B.I. arranged to question Miguel R. Suarez, a business partner of one of the suspects in the break-in and a leading Republican in that city's Cuban community. Four of the five men arrested in the committee headquarters Saturday morning are from Miami.

At least two of the accused men have personal and professional links to the Republican party, but the White House

press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, said in Key Biscayne, Fla., that "I'm not going to comment from the White House on a third-rate burglary attempt."

"This is something that should not fall into the political process," he said.

Both the Republican National Committee and the Committee to Re-elect the President denounced in statements yesterday the predawn raid. Today, Senator Robert Dole of Kansas, the party's National Chairman, telegraphed key members of the Republican committee, including those representing Spanish-speaking groups, urging them not to discuss the matter with anyone.

The Dole memorandum instructed committee members to

refer all inquiries to the committee's director of communications, Tom Wolck.

The F.B.I., local policemen, Administration officials and spokesmen for the Republican party refused to discuss details of the case today.

As both the mystery and official silence surrounding the raid deepened, the issue turned quickly into a political controversy. All five suspects, an investigation suggests, have at one time or another had links with the C.I.A.

Senator George McGovern of South Dakota, the leading contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination, said at a morning news conference in New York that the raid was

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litical friends—have advance notice of the raid?

Why did the five men remain today in the District of Columbia jail, even though bail for four of them was set at \$50,000 each and at \$30,000 for the fifth man. This is considered relatively low bail, and the men could probably have been released by putting up \$3,000 to \$5,000 in cash. At least two of the suspects are affluent and, to judge from the cash found on them, the group appeared to have affluent friends.

## Formal U.S. Statement

The only formal Government statement on the case came late today when Harold H. Titus Jr., the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, announced that, "with the full cooperation of the F.B.I. and the metropolitan police department, an investigation of the burglary and the attempted bugging offenses is under way."

Mr. Titus said that a Federal grand jury here "will be available to receive evidence in this investigation."

Earlier in the day, however, Washington police officials told newsmen that they considered the case "closed" because the five men were arrested and arraigned.

The break-in was clearly an acute embarrassment for the Nixon Administration. Mr. Mitchell and Senator Dole acknowledged yesterday that James W. McCord, one of the men arrested Saturday, was a security consultant to both the Committee to Re-elect the President and the Republican National Committee.

Mr. McCord, 53 years old, retired in 1970 from the C.T.A. where he had worked for 19 years. He is now president of McCord Associates, a security consultant firm, in nearby Rockville, Md. He has other clients besides the Republicans.

Although Mr. McCord appeared to attract most attention in the case because of his direct links to the Republican party, informed sources said that the group's apparent leader and recruiters of the team was Bernard L. Barker, a wealthy Cuban-born Miami realtor who played a major role in the preparations of the C.I.A.-led Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961.

Mr. McCord and the three other detained suspects also had connections with the C.I.A.'s operations against the regime of Premier Fidel Castro. The three others are Frank S. Jurgis, Eugenio R. Martinez and Virgilio R. Gonzalez.

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"one of the most shocking actions that has happened in this country for some time."

"It is the legacy of years of wiretapping and an invasion of privacy in which the Government has been too deeply involved," Senator McGovern said, adding that the former Attorney General, John N. Mitchell, had encouraged "too free a use of wiretaps."

Replying to a question, Senator McGovern said that "any time you get John Mitchell and Bob Dole involved in something, you have to raise an eyebrow."

## Humphrey Asks Apology

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, another contender for the Democratic nomination, said here that "the President and his Cabinet owe the country an apology and an explanation" for the incident.

Mike Mansfield of Montana, the Senate majority leader, said he did not think the Republican party was involved in the bugging attempt.

Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, the minority leader, said the raid on the Democrats was "unconscionable and inexcusable."

Meanwhile, it was learned from Cuban sources in Miami that an attempt had been made to recruit a sixth person to participate in the break-in but that the unidentified person had refused to join.

At the moment, the following were among the unanswered questions about the raid:

Who, if anyone, had ordered the raid?

What was its real purpose, and what information was sought?

Who, if anyone, supplied the money—\$5,856—some of it found by the police on the suspects at the time of their arrest and the rest in their rooms at the Watergate Hotel?

Did any influential officials in the Administration or the Republican party—or their po-