

Judge Delays Expanded Bugging Suit

Washington

A federal judge delayed a decision yesterday on whether to allow the Democratic party to expand its civil invasion-of-privacy suit to include additional defendants, among them former Commerce Secretary Maurice M. Stans.

District Judge Charles Richey told a hearing that he would permit counsel for the defendants to submit arguments against the motion and would issue his ruling September 20.

Until then, he said, taking of depositions will be suspended in the million-dollar case that followed the abortive break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters last June 17.

Among those who had been scheduled to give depositions during that period were Clark MacGregor, chairman of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, and William E. Timmons, a member of the White House staff.

The suit was filed by Lawrence F. O'Brien and the Democratic National Committee which O'Brien formerly headed.

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