

GOP 'Spy' Suspect A McG Volunteer

SANTA MONICA — (AP) — Donald H. Segretti, named as a key figure in an alleged Republican spying and sabotage campaign against Democratic presidential candidates, is listed here as a volunteer for George McGovern.

Barbara Bennett, manager of the McGovern-Shriver campaign headquarters here, showed newsmen yesterday three index cards bearing Segretti's name but indicating he had never taken part in any McGovern-Shriver rallies, canvasses or other volunteer work.

Not Remembered

No one at the Santa Monica office could recall seeing the man identifying himself as Segretti.

Miss Bennett said however that volunteers sometimes appeared at rallies and other events without signing themselves in and therefore she could not say categorically that Segretti actually never did any campaign work.

Ed Finegan, one of the workers in the McGovern-Shriver office, said a man identifying himself as Segretti had telephoned several times to do work. Finegan said the man had a "very positive" attitude because he always promised to show up.

Not Talking

But Miss Bennett repeated that there was no record the man ever did any work or picked up any campaign materials. On Oct. 8, she said Segretti's cards were transferred to the "less active volunteers" file.

Segretti, 31, a registered Democrat and former Treasury Department attorney, has been unavailable for comment since Oct. 10, when he was first linked in news accounts to alleged operations by the GOP to disrupt Democratic campaign.

The New York Times, the Washington Post and Time Magazine have published stories linking White House aide Dwight Chapin to Segretti.

The Times said it had learned that at least 28 calls made from Segretti's home telephone and charged to his credit card were directed to the White House, Chapin's home, and to the home and office of E. Howard Hunt Jr., a former White House consultant indicted in the June 17 break-in at Democratic National headquarters.

Got \$350,000

Time magazine said Chapin hired Segretti as an undercover agent to "subvert and disrupt Democratic candidates' campaigns this election year" and that more than \$350,000 was passed to him through Herbert Kalmbach, President Nixon's personal attorney.

White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler denied that the White House directed a campaign of political sabotage, spying and espionage against Democratic presidential candidates.

"If anyone had been involved in such activities," Ziegler said, "they would not long be at the White House" because political sabotage is "something we don't condone and won't tolerate."

Miss Bennett said her files indicate that the man calling himself Segretti first contacted the office on June 3, three days before the California presidential primary.

Copies of the three cards bearing Segretti's name show more than a score of entries.

On June 3, Segretti offered to join a bicycle parade for McGovern. The same day he offered to canvass a precinct in the nearby Venice area.

On June 4 he promised to help distribute leaflets.

On Sept. 17 he offered again to canvass a precinct. On Sept. 23 he said he "probably" would attend a McGovern rally.

The Los Angeles Times said today it had learned that Segretti had spent thousands of dollars in the later half of 1971 on cross-country trips.

They included journeys to at least four states — New Hampshire, New Mexico, Florida and Oregon — where Sen. Edmund Muskie, then the Democrats' leading presidential contender, was preparing for primary campaigns, the newspaper said.

The Times said the purpose of these trips could not be learned.