

Time Magazine:

'Nixon Aide Okd Bugging Cash'

NEW YORK — (AP) — Time magazine reports that Jeb Stuart Magruder, a deputy director of the Committee to Re-elect the President, is identified in Justice Department files as the man who authorized expenditures for wiretapping the Democratic National Committee headquarters last June.

The magazine reported yesterday that Justice Department attorneys said Magruder approved the use of up to \$250,000 for what they called "political intelligence operations." Time said it was not known whether the entire amount was spent.

In Washington, a spokesman for the committee restated its denial that anyone in authority at the committee, including Magruder, had any involvement in the wiretapping and break-in at the Democratic offices in Washington's Watergate complex.

Time reported that Justice Department officials said that Magruder hired another former White House aide, G. Gordon Liddy, to head the political intelligence squad for the committee and authorized him to spend the money.

The magazine said the actual payments to Liddy were made by Hugh Sloan, then treasurer of the committee, who took the cash from a safe in the office of Maurice Stans, former Secretary of Commerce and now finance chairman of the Nixon committee.

Record Destroyed

The record of these disbursements was kept on a single sheet of lined yellow paper which was later destroyed by a top committee official, Time said.

Magruder told the Justice Department that he thought

the intelligence money was to be used to gather information on radicals and anti-war protesters who might try to interrupt the Republican National Convention and he denied authorizing funds for illegal purposes, Time said.

Magruder, a Santa Monica, Calif., business executive, co-ordinated Nixon's 1968 presidential campaign in the Los Angeles area and later joined the White House staff as an assistant to H. R. Haldeman, the President's chief of staff.