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Kennedy Subpoenas Watergate Papers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy has been subpoenaing documents for two weeks for an investigation by his subcommittee into the Watergate break-in and other alleged incidents of political espionage, The Washington Post said today.

But the newspaper reported Capitol Hill sources believe that the Massachusetts Democrat will wait until well beyond the Nov. 7 election before attempting to open public hearings.

The Post also said former White House aide E. Howard Hunt, indicted in the Watergate case, served as chairman of a network of "dummy committees" designed to hide campaign contributions from milk cooperatives to President Nixon's re-election efforts.

Details of the fund-raising plan were brought out in the documents and statements taken in a civil suit, the Post said.

In the suit, consumer advocate Ralph Nader contended the Nixon administration raised milk price supports as a pay-off for more than \$300,000 in campaign gifts from three large milk co-ops.

In a related development, U.S. District Court Chief Judge John J. Sirica post-

poned until Jan. 8 the criminal trial of seven men indicted in the break-in of the Democratic national headquarters.

Sirica said he suffers from a painful pinched nerve and his physician advised him not to hear the case until next year. The trial had been scheduled to start Nov. 15.

The Post said Kennedy's Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure has issued at least five subpoenas, including one to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co.

Fred Langbein, chief spokesman for the telephone company, told the Post that his firm was served with a subpoena last week and the records had already been sent to Capitol Hill.

Langbein declined to tell the newspaper whose phone records had been sought by the subcommittee.

Sources close to Kennedy's investigation said that subpoenas had also been issued to four banks and businesses, ordering each to supply certain records, the Post said.

The Massachusetts senator is said to have at least eight lawyers and investigators working virtually full time on the probe, the Post reported.