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Watergate 'Part Of Big Campaign'

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The burglary of Democratic headquarters at the Watergate complex in Washington was part of a large-scale surveillance campaign in which the offices of three prominent Democratic senators were bugged, *Newsday* said in a copyrighted article in its Sunday editions.

The Long Island newspaper, attributing its information to "a person well acquainted with the activities of the Watergate defendants," also said that a burglary at the Chilean Embassy was part of the same effort.

SOURCES

The sources said the offices of Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield (Dem-Mont.), J. William Fulbright (Dem-Ark.), chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee; and Senator Frank Church (Dem-Idaho), were bugged during the summer of 1972 by the same team that burglarized the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee at the Watergate.

Newsday said it was able to confirm some of the state-

ments by its source but the allegations about the surveillance of the senators were neither confirmed nor denied.

Newsday said Senator Mansfield told its reporters that he had no knowledge of any bugging. A representative of Senator Fulbright said the same, *Newsday* reported.

Seven persons charged in the Watergate case go on trial in Washington today.

Newsday also said that two members of the alleged burglary team have been located who were not arrested on the night of June 17 when the defendants were caught inside the Democratic headquarters at the plush Watergate office and hotel complex.

BREAK-IN

The source said that the surveillance of the senators and the break-in at the Chilean embassy were motivated not by domestic U.S. politics but by a desire to head off any effort that might lead to an American move to renew diplomatic relations with Cuba.

The source said the burglars hoped to hinder the election of a liberal administration that might become

more friendly with the Castro government in Havana.

Tabs were also kept on Sol Linowitz, former U.S. ambassador to the Organization of American States, and Senator George McGovern (Dem-S.D.), *Newsday* said.

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