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# An Embarrassing Little Black Book

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**T**HE CHIEF Republican investigator for the Senate Watergate committee, to his mortification, lost his little black appointment book the other night at Washington's Carroll Arms bar.

It fell into Democratic hands and wound up after two days with Representative Richard Hanna (Dem-Calif.). He delivered it at once to the Watergate committee.

Sources who have seen the datebook tell us it indicates Thompson met with Attorney General Richard Kleindienst twice during the last week of March. The entries on each day read simply "Kleindienst an hour before a committee meeting. The last entry for April 2 reads "AG," with the word "summary" scrawled across.

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**M**Y ASSOCIATE Mike Kiernan asked Thompson what he was doing huddling privately with Kleindienst. Thompson admitted meeting several times with Kleindienst but insisted he acted under the direction of Sam Dash, the chief counsel. "I was only trying to expedite our getting the FBI files on the Watergate," said Thompson.

This was confirmed by Dash who explained he didn't accompany Thompson to

see Kleindienst "because I felt Thompson would get the data faster if he went alone." Dash thought Thompson's Republican credentials would give him better entree with Kleindienst.

The Attorney General agreed to cooperate with the committee, but insisted all information be channeled through him. Last week, Thompson finally arranged for Dash and himself to spend four hours at the Justice Department poring over raw FBI files.

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**W**ATERGATE conspirator James McCord, while awaiting sentence, has opened a private security agency in Rockville, Md. The man who headed the infamous Watergate break-in squad is interested in security work and private investigations, say his partners, not in divorce cases and door-busting activities commonly associated with "private eye" work. One of the three directors of the new firm, "International Security, Inc.," is his wife, Sara Ruth. The other partners are Louis Russell, veteran Capitol Hill investigator, and Alfred Green, office manager. Maryland law enforcement sources tell us that integrity, character and competence are requirements for a private investigator's license.