

A U.S. Suit Against Watergate Film Firm

Miami

The U.S. Labor Department has filed suit against the Miami photo firm that developed Watergate espionage film.

The civil suit filed in U.S. District Court charges violation of overtime pay and record-keeping rules under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Michael Richardson, 39, son of the owner of Rich Photos Inc. said yesterday that it was "super peculiar" that the shop should be accused of the violations since "none of our employees complained. Nobody complained until they went around and got complaints."

It was Richardson who af-

ter the June 17 1972 break-in at Democratic national headquarters told the FBI that he recognized newspaper photographs of Miami-ans Bernard Barker and Frank Sturgis.

He said the two men, who were later convicted of the Washington burglary, paid him for enlarging 38 photographs of private correspondence believed to be that of the chairman of the Democratic national committee.

Department of Labor officials in Washington said there was absolutely no connection between the department's suit and the firm's Watergate role.

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