

Congressional Report**GAO Forwards
Spy Fund Case
To Justice Dept.**

An investigation by the General Accounting Office disclosed yesterday three apparent legal violations in the handling of Republican funds to hire two reporters to spy on Democrat George S. McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign.

Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats referred his congressional watchdog agency's findings to the Justice Department for "appropriate action."

The apparent violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act, according to the GAO, stem from payments of \$35,000 by the Committee to Re-elect the President to Murray Chotiner, then President Nixon's chief political strategist.

The money was used to pay Seymour K. Freidin and Lucianne C. Goldberg, known by the code name "Chapman's friend," but was reported by the Committee to Re-Elect as reimbursement of travel and other related expenses for Chotiner.

The apparent violations: failure to keep a detailed account of expenditures made by Chotiner that would identify Goldberg and Freidin as the ultimate recipients; failure to keep documentary support for payments made to the two journalists; and failure to report the identity of persons to whom payments exceeding \$100 were made—namely, Goldberg and Fedidin.

Ban on Greek Aid

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted out a total ban on military aid to the Greek junta and approved the nomination of Helmut Sonnenfeldt, controversial former White House aid to Henry A. Kissinger, as State Department counsel.

By a vote of 10 to 3 the committee accepted a bill by Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) amended to permit the President to drop the ban in an emergency.

The ban would remain in force until the Greek junta restored civil liberties and agreed to fulfill military commitments to NATO. Pell said it is intended largely as a symbolic gesture "to let the Greek people know they have friends."

Nominations

The Senate confirmed the nomination of L. Dean Brown, a career Foreign Service officer, to be Deputy Under Secretary of State for Management.

Other diplomatic nominations confirmed included:

Robert S. Ingersoll to be Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, William B. Buffum to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, and these ambassadors:

Stuart N. Scott to Portugal; Harry G. Barnes Jr. to Romania; Heyward Isham to Haiti; Joseph J. Jova to Mexico; Ralph J. McGuire to Mali; Anthony D. Marshall to Kenya; Francis E. Meloy Jr. to Guatemala; Francis T. Underhill to Malaysia; David H. Popper to Chile; David D. Newsom to Indonesia; Viron P. Vaky to Colombia, and Francis L. Dale to the European office of the United Nations.

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