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**Hunt Said to Tell Investigators  
He Spied on Goldwater in 1964**

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—E. Howard Hunt Jr., now in jail for coordinating the Watergate burglary, has told Senate Republican investigators that he gathered material on Senator Barry Goldwater's 1964 Presidential campaign and passed it on to an official of the Johnson Administration, according to sources in the Senate Watergate committee.

During the campaign between Mr. Goldwater and President Johnson, Mr. Hunt was an employe of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Hunt told Senator Howard H. Baker Jr. and members of his staff this week, according to the committee sources, that he acted as an intermediary for persons who picked up campaign literature, speeches, press releases and travel schedules from Mr. Goldwater's office.

Mr. Hunt reportedly said that he had operated under orders from a superior and had turned the material over to the superior. The sources would not disclose the name of the superior and would not say whether he was in the intelligence agency.

**Jurisdiction Is Limited**

Senator Baker, the ranking Republican on the Watergate committee, has been investigating the possibility that the agency was more deeply involved than heretofore known in the break-in last year at the Democratic headquarters in the Watergate complex.

The interview with Mr. Hunt reportedly was conducted in Senator Baker's office. Mr. Hunt was not under oath at the time.

Senator Baker was said not to be planning to bring the matter up in public hearings next year because the committee's jurisdiction involves only the 1972 Presidential race.

Democratic members of the

committee staff, who were told of Mr. Hunt's allegations after his session with Senator Baker, said today that they were skeptical about the story.

They noted that Mr. Hunt was exhaustively questioned before his public testimony last September and that he never mentioned gathering information about Mr. Goldwater.

Moreover, there were indications that Mr. Hunt never told the story to either of his first two lawyers in the Watergate case, William O. Bittman and Sidney H. Sachs, and that he almost certainly had not mentioned the matter to the special Watergate prosecutor.

Mr. Hunt was accompanied to the Baker interview by a new attorney, William A. Snyder of Baltimore, who would not answer questions today about what had been said at the interview.

Mr. Hunt now has still another attorney, C. Dickerman Williams, William F. Buckley Jr., the columnist, who is a friend of Mr. Hunt, arranged for Mr. Williams to represent him.

A spokesman for the C.I.A., which is prohibited by law from involving itself in domestic intelligence, said that the agency would have "no comment" on Mr. Hunt's reported allegations. Throughout the Watergate investigation, the agency has refused public responses to all inquiries.

**Termed 'Out of Character'**

Democratic officials who were connected with Mr. Johnson's 1964 campaign said that they had not heard of Mr. Hunt then and knew nothing about his purported intelligence-gathering operation.

Tad Szulc, a journalist who recently completed a book about Mr. Hunt, "Compulsive Spy," said today that he knew nothing about Mr. Hunt's work-

ing against Mr. Goldwater, but he said that had Mr. Hunt done so it would have been "completely out of character."

Mr. Hunt, he said, "had an obsessive right-wing thing" and probably would not have done work that might have harmed Mr. Goldwater, who was considered more conservative than Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Szulc said that in 1964 Mr. Hunt was a full-time employe of the intelligence agency and was officially based in Madrid but that he spent a good deal of time in Washington.

Mr. Hunt's reported allegation is the second that has been received by Senate investigators about efforts of Mr. Johnson's aides to obtain information about Mr. Goldwater.

Earlier, according to a committee source, the panel obtained evidence that in the 1964 campaign the Federal Bureau of Investigation complied with a White House request for its file on Senator Goldwater.

Mr. Goldwater refused to be interviewed today. He previously said that he believed the Johnson campaign spied on him in 1964 and might have tapped his telephone.

Mr. Hunt, who is now serving a term of 30 months to eight years in the Federal penitentiary at Allenwood, Pa., reportedly told the Senate investigators that no electronic surveillance or burglary was involved in his 1964 operation.