

Break-In Memo Read By Weicker

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Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) last night revealed a memorandum written on White House stationery in 1971 to then presidential counsel John W. Dean III discussing the possibility of a break-in at a Washington think tank.

The memo, from John Caulfield, who worked with Dean at the White House until March 19, 1972, detailed the leasing and security arrangements of the office of Potomac Associates, said Weicker, a member of the Senate Watergate committee.

Weicker disclosed the memorandum on WETA-TV's "Martin Agronsky: Evening Edition" program.

According to Weicker, the memorandum said:

"Building appears to have good security with guard present in lobby during day and evening hours. However, a penetration is deemed possible if required."

An informed source said that Dean said he squelched any plans involving Potomac Associates.

Weicker, who received the information earlier Thursday, said the project was "just another one of the long list of misuses of government agencies." He did not say how he obtained the memorandum.

The memorandum was dated July 6, 1971, about 11 months before the Watergate break-in. It noted that Potomac Associates occupies space in the ITT building at 1707 L St., NW.

Weicker said the Watergate committee's report, due at the end of May, would include several examples of abuse of government agencies that have not been revealed.