

Hearing for Demo Bugging Suspec

WASHINGTON — (AP) — James McCord Jr., one of five charged in the Democratic headquarters bugging case, was bound over for grand jury action today after a police sergeant described how the men were arrested June 17.

The other four men had previously waived preliminary hearings in District of

Columbia Superior Court.

But the wife and married daughter of one of the other four, Bernard Barker of Miami, verbally attacked government prosecutor Earl Silbert after today's hearing, claiming Silbert was not giving Barker "a chance to defend himself."

Sgt. Paul Leeper of the

Campaign '72

District of Columbia police, the only witness at McCord's hearing, described being summoned to the posh Watergate office building, site of the Democratic National

Committee's headquarters, by a private security guard.

Leeper said he and two other plainclothes officers surprised the five men hiding behind a secretary's

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desk in the Democratic office.

Leeper testified the only property of the Democrats he found on McCord was four sheets of paper bearing the party letterhead. He did not say what else was on the papers.

Until the arrest, McCord, a former CIA agent from nearby Rockville, Md., had

been employed as security coordinator for the Committee to Re-Elect the President, the chief Nixon-campaign organization.

The other four defendants are from Miami and have a variety of past ties to the CIA. A recent White House consultant, E. Howard Hunt Jr., is being sought for questioning in the case.