

# Ex-Agent Reported Hiding in Europe

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WASHINGTON—E. Howard Hunt Jr., the former senior Central Intelligence Agency official now sought by federal agents in connection with last month's raid on the Democratic National Committee here, was reliably reported Sunday to have fled to Europe, possibly to Spain.

This report came from persons close to Hunt as federal authorities disclosed that since early last week a large force of Federal Bureau of Investigation agents had been searching for Hunt throughout the United States.

At the same time, Spanish embassy officials here said that Hunt's wife, Dorothy, long an employe of the embassy, had told them as late as the latter part of May that her husband was still working for the White House.

This appeared to contradict a White House statement shortly after the raid on the Democratic headquarters at the Watergate office building here that Hunt, whose name had been linked with the June 17 break-in, had completed his consultant status in the presidential office on March 29.

Mrs. Hunt has been a part-time employe of the Spanish embassy, whose officials said that she had told them in May that "my hus-

band works for the White House and he is away traveling so much that I hardly ever see him."

Because of the publicity surrounding Hunt in what was rapidly becoming a major political affair here, the Spanish embassy decided to terminate her employment effective Saturday, with a month's severance pay.

Hunt, who played a key role in organizing the CIA's abortive Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961, was linked to the Watergate raid after the police found his name and home telephone number in the address books of two of the alleged raiders, both of them Cuban-born, when the group was arrested at the Democratic offices.

Although Hunt spoke to

FBI agents three days after the Watergate raid, he refused, according to federal officials, to answer any questions. Subsequently, he informed his friends that he was leaving Washington and for the last 10 days his whereabouts have been unknown.

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