

Hunt Is Still In Country, Wife Reports

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The wife of former White House consultant E. Howard Hunt Jr. yesterday denied a report that her husband has fled the country. Hunt is being sought by the FBI for questioning about the alleged attempt to bug the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee on June 17.

"My husband is not out of the country," Dorothy Hunt said. She added she could not give any more details on her husband's whereabouts at this time.

Hunt, 54, a former CIA agent and prolific novelist, was first linked to the raid on Democratic headquarters when his name was found in the address books of two of the five suspects arrested in the incident.

Federal authorities also found Hunt's personal check for \$6.36 in a stamped but unmailed envelope among the suspects' belongings. The check was made out to Lakewood Country Club in Rockville where Hunt has a membership.

Mrs. Hunt also said yesterday that she has been fired from her part-time job as speech writer and translator for the Spanish Embassy here because of the publicity surrounding her husband and his connection with the suspects.

She said the Spanish Ambassador Angel Sagez told her yesterday that the publicity

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has proved embarrassing and that she would be given one month's severance pay.

A spokesman for Ambassador Sagez confirmed that Mrs. Hunt had been fired, but refused to discuss the reason for the action.

The spokesman said that Mrs. Hunt told embassy employees in May that her husband was working at the White House.

Though White House spokesmen have said the last day Hunt actually worked there was March 29, they have

also said that Hunt's employment was not officially terminated until two days after the incident at Democratic headquarters.

Hunt was hired as a \$100-a-day White House consultant on the recommendation of Charles W. Colson, a behind-the-scenes political strategist who is a special counsel to President Nixon.

Hunt also was suspended from his writing job at Robert R. Mullen & Co., a Washington public relations firm the week after the incident.

Robert F. Bennett, president of the Mullen firm, said that Hunt was suspended for failure to show up for work in the days following the raid.

Also yesterday, Mrs. Hunt said that her husband's correct name is E. Howard Hunt Jr. despite records in the Library of Congress that also list his name as Howard E. Hunt.

In a related development, White House spokesman Ronald L. Ziegler said that President Nixon does not plan to appoint a special prosecutor in the case as Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien has requested.