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Nixon adviser 'vanishes'; tied to Dem raid

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WASHINGTON — A White House consultant linked to two of the five men arrested for breaking into Democratic National Committee offices seems to have dropped out of sight.

He is E. Howard Hunt, a Central Intelligence Agency official from 1949 until 1970 who has earned nearly \$9,000 in the last 10 months as a \$100-a-day adviser to the Office of the President.

Hunt's name and telephone number, together with notations of "W. House" and "W. H." alongside, were found in telephone books belonging to Bernard L. Barker and Eugenio R. Martinez, both Miami real estate men.

AN INFORMED source said

Hunt, under the code name of "Eduardo," played a key role in planning the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion and Barker worked with him, using the cover name of "Macho."

James W. McCord Jr., another former CIA man, who was security co-ordinator for the Committee to re-elect President Nixon, was arrested at 2:30 a.m. Saturday in Democratic headquarters with eavesdropping equipment.

The New York Times reported that Hunt went to Miami two weeks ago to meet with Barker and gave him his home telephone number in Maryland.

In addition to his consulting work, Hunt is employed by a Washington public relations firm headed by Robert F. Ben-

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nett, the son of Sen. Wallace Bennett (R-Utah).

OTHER evidence reportedly seized by police Saturday included a \$6 personal check made out by Hunt to the Lake-wood Country club in Rockville, Md., and bill from the club for the same amount. There was no explanation of how the check got into the suspects' hands.

White House official Ken Clawson said Hunt was hired last August as a consultant by Charles W. Colson, special counsel to the President, to help declassify the Pentagon papers.

Clawson said Hunt later contributed intelligence on drug smuggling in the Far East and evaluated other narcotics information for the White House Domestic Council.

White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler insisted Colson had nothing to do with the break-in or the attempt to eavesdrop on Democratic headquarters. Ziegler rebuffed most questions on the matter. He did say that President Nixon "won't get involved at all" in the controversy.

Clawson acknowledged that he did not know why Hunt's name was in the telephone books belonging to the burglary suspects. He speculated that Hunt and Barker might have known each other during the Bay of Pigs planning by the CIA in 1960-61.

MEANWHILE, federal investigators traced \$5,000 in \$100 bills, also in the suspects' possession, to Federal Reserve banks in Philadelphia and Atlanta.

Efforts continued to pin down the bank that distributed the \$100 bills, numbered in sequence. The source of the cash might throw light on who, if anyone, ordered the break-in and bugging job.

The five suspects remained

in the District of Columbia jail. Barker, Martinez and two other Miami men, Frank Fiorini and Virgilio R. Gonzales, are being held in 50,000 bond. McCord, who heads his own security consultant firm, has failed to make bond set at \$30,000.

The Democrats have filed a \$1 million damage suit against the five men and the Committee to Re-elect the President, headed by former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, charging a conspiracy to deprive the party of its right to work for political candidates.

MITCHELL, who has denied any involvement with the break-in, denounced the law suit as "sheer demagoguery." The Democrats hope to develop more information on McCord's ties with the re-election committee through written questions it wants Mitchell to answer under court order by June 28.

As a consultant, Hunt had an office in the Executive Office Building, next door to the White House. When a reporter tried to reach him on the telephone extension provided by a White House secretary, however, a man who answered the phone criticized newsmen, saying: "You guys are ridiculous." Then the phone was slammed down.

In another mysterious development, Democratic Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien reported that four of the five men arrested Saturday were registered at the hotel next door to Democratic headquarters from May 26 to May 29 with several other persons. The bills were paid by an "E. Warren" who was not further identified.

The Democrats reported to police that one of its door locks was tampered with May 28. Another break-in at a law firm of leading Democrats, similar to Saturday's burglary at the national headquarters, was reported May 16.

Ode to summer

By Robert J. Herguth

S is for the sizzle of the sidewalk,
U is for the umpires that you boo.
M is for the hundreds of mosquitoes,
M is for the meat you barbecue.
E is for the easy living outside,
R is for the lakeside rendezvous.
Put them all together, they spell summer, which started
at 2:06 a.m. Wednesday, tum-tum-tee-tum.

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