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What Happened To Hunt Papers

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Eight cartons of documents from the office of convicted Watergate burglar E. Howard Hunt may have been locked in the trunk of a junked car for six months and then burned at a city dump, a Watergate witness said yesterday.

Roy H. Sheppard, who operates a Washington-based delivery service, said he was contacted shortly after the Watergate break-in by a woman he now believes was Dorothy Hunt, the wife of E. Howard Hunt.

Mrs. Hunt, identified by Watergate conspirator James W. McCord as the woman who secretly delivered money to him for his trial expenses, died in the crash of a United Air Lines jet at Chicago, Dec. 17, 1972. Police found \$10,000 in Mrs. Hunt's purse.

According to Sheppard, the woman, who he said closely resembled newspaper photographs of Mrs. Hunt, paid him "\$500 in \$100 bills to keep the cartons in transit." He said the woman gave him the cartons at Washington's National Airport.

"Just make sure they can be brought back to Washington at a moment's notice," Sheppard said he was told.

He did not ship the cartons, but locked them in the trunk of a junked 1963 Plymouth he kept at his home in nearby Alexandria, Va. Sheppard said he did not open the cartons until November, 1972.

"When no one asked about them," Sheppard said he took them to the incinerator. "I slit them open with my

knife and dumped them into the incinerator chute."

According to Sheppard, the boxes, about a foot and a half long, were filled with "file papers, and yellow legal tablets. Some of them were written in long hand and others were typewritten."

Sheppard has told his story to both the Senate Watergate investigating committee and the Watergate grand jury, according to his lawyer, Ben Cotten.

Sheppard surfaced first in the Watergate investigation in April when his former lawyer announced that Sheppard, whom he did not identify at the time, had picked up the cartons from Hunt's office at the Executive Office Building across the street from the White House.

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