

Demo Raid Figure May Be in Spain

Washington

E. Howard Hunt Jr., a former senior Central Intelligence Agency official now sought by federal agents in connection with last month's raid on the Democratic National Committee office here, was reliably reported yesterday 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 FBI agents had been searching for him throughout the United States.

Spanish Embassy officials here said that Hunt's wife, Dorothy, long an employee 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 employee of the Spanish Embassy, whose officials said that she had told them in May that "my husband 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 embassy decided to end 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 told friends he was leaving Washington. For the last ten days his whereabouts have been unknown.

All five persons arrested at the Watergate raid had ties with Hunt during the Bay of Pigs operation.

Federal agents reported last week that a walkie-talkie and an unloaded pistol were recently found in the drawer of the desk in the suite of offices Hunt occupied in the White House.

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