

Nixon Gives OK to Probe

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WASHINGTON — President Nixon has instructed his White House staff and the Committee for the Re-election of the President to cooperate with investigations of the attempt to bug Democratic National Headquarters, the White House said today.

Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren said: "The President's views is that all those who are asked to cooperate should cooperate."

Warren would not comment directly on the announcement that the General Accounting Office plans to audit the books of the re-election committee following publication of a report that a \$25,000 check intended for the committee was diverted to the bank account of a man implicated in the

break-in at Democratic headquarters on June 17.

The re-election committee has pledged to cooperate, said Philip S. Hughes, director of the GAO's office of federal elections.

Hughes said he ordered the audit because of possible links between committee financing and the break-in and alleged bugging of Democratic headquarters on June 17.

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) wrote the congressional watchdog agency earlier yesterday requesting the probe after the Washington Post reported on the \$25,000 check.

The audit is the first undertaken by the GAO after it gained such power under a new campaign spending law that took effect April 7.