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**Action on
Watergate
Hearings**

Washington

Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst said yesterday that he and the FBI conducted an exhaustive investigation into Watergate bugging of the Democratic national committee.

He described it as a "reprehensible crime, not a political prank."

Kleindienst said he will meet this week with Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. (Dem-N.C.) and Senator Howard H. Baker (rep-Tenn.), who head up a special subcommittee to investigate the Watergate case, "to discuss ground rules" for hearings later this year.

"The only ground rules I will be interested in will be the protection of innocent people that show in these FBI reports of the investigation," Kleindienst said. "I will give the committee relevant facts."

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