

More Watergate Names Given to Panel by McCord

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WASHINGTON, March 25—

James W. McCord Jr. has provided Senate investigators with the names of participants in the Watergate conspiracy who have escaped prosecution, it was announced today.

McCord, convicted in January of spying on the offices of the Democratic National Committee, told the trial judge in a letter read in court Friday morning that some of his fellow conspirators had not been identified.

On Friday afternoon and again yesterday afternoon, it was disclosed, he discussed details of the case in long interviews with Samuel Dash, chief counsel of a special Senate investigation committee.

Mr. Dash said at a news conference this afternoon that McCord had supplied the names and other information in the politically explosive affair and had promised "documentation and other evidence to corroborate everything he says."

"Some of it is very specific stuff that will lead to further investigation," Mr. Dash said.

He refused to comment on the details of the revelations, but he said they would be made public "at the earliest possible time."

Mr. Dash has said that the Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities under Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., Democrat of North Carolina, may hold some hearings in May. But he added today that he did not know whether McCord would appear at that time.

At the time he and four other men were arrested in the Watergate offices of the Democratic National Committee, on June 17, 1972, McCord was the salaried security coordinator of the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

In the period before his arrest, he oversaw the monitoring of taps on telephones in the Democratic headquarters

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ad sent memorandums based on them to President Nixon's re-election organization.

The reports were received by G. Gordon Liddy, a convicted co-conspirator who was counsel to the Nixon fund-raising organization. There have been reports that other officials received at least some of the information.

Mr. Dash indicated today that McCord would testify not only about what he knew firsthand about the political spying and sabotage last year but also about what he had heard from others about the subject and those responsible.

Mr. Dash, a former district attorney in Philadelphia who is on leave as a professor of law at Georgetown University, said he had found McCord's statements "very studied and carefully made."

He reported that the former official of the Central Intelligence Agency had said he intended to examine his own "records" and a transcript of his trial in preparing memorandums for use at sessions with the committee staff.

In his letter to Chief Judge John J. Sirica of the United States District Court here, McCord asserted that the trial had been marked by perjury "in matters highly material to the very structure, orientation and impact of the Government's case."

Judge Sirica, who postponed sentencing McCord and allowed him to remain free under a \$100,000 surety bond, also was told in the letter that the defendants who had been under "political pressure . . . to plead guilty and remain silent."

After reading the letter, Judge Sirica pressed the seven men convicted in January to tell what they knew about the spying plot to a Federal grand jury that is scheduled to meet tomorrow and to the Ervin committee.

Mr. Dash said today that he intended to approach lawyers for the six other men to seek their cooperation. The six are Liddy, E. Howard Hunt Jr., Bernard L. Barker, Eugenio R. Martinez, Frank A. Sturgis and Virgilio Gonzalez.

The committee counsel said that shortly after lunch on Friday he received a call from an attorney for McCord, Bernard Fensterwald of Washington, and that a meeting had been arranged in the lawyer's office.

Gerald Alch of Boston, McCord's counsel at the trial, was not immediately available for comment. His associate in the case, Bernard Shankman of Washington, said he was unaware of Mr. Fensterwald's involvement but that McCord "is always free to get whoever he wants."

Mr. Shankman also said he was unaware of McCord's sessions with Mr. Dash, and Mr. Alch had said yesterday that he was unaware of any questioning. Mr. Fensterwald could not be reached today.

After talking "most of Friday afternoon," Mr. Dash said, McCord discussed the case again yesterday. In addition to Mr. Dash and Mr. Fensterwald, Harold Lipset of San Francisco, a newly hired committee investigator, was present.

To Tell 'Everything'

"At this point he has given us some of what he knows and has promised to tell us everything he knows," Mr. Dash said. Asked whether he thought McCord would back up the charges in his letter, Mr. Dash said, "I think he will."

McCord has indicated some concern about talking because of a civil lawsuit pending against him in connection with the bugging and because of the possibility of further criminal charges, Mr. Dash said.

The committee may have to use its power to grant McCord immunity against prosecution for anything he testifies about, the committee counsel added. The Government made a similar grant in the Watergate trial.

Mr. Dash said that "so far" McCord had discussed only events surrounding the Watergate conspiracy. Asked whether that meant he knew nothing about other spying activities, Mr. Dash replied, "I don't think you can draw the conclusion."

Aid in Sentencing

The only motive for talking that McCord offered, the committee counsel said, was the hope "that his cooperation will be taken into consideration" at sentencing. Judge Sirica has said he will do so.

Mr. Dash said in a statement that McCord had "clarified what he meant in his letter to Judge Sirica about his not trusting" the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Justice Department. The statement said:

"He said he made that statement only because of the revelations at the Judiciary Committee hearings on the confirmation of Mr. Gray that information obtained by the F. B. I. in the Watergate investigation was given to White House officials."

L. Patrick Gray 3d, nominated by President Nixon to become permanent director of the agency, said during the hearings that he had sent more than 80 reports on the case to the White House.

"Mr. McCord said that he did not believe that he had further information concerning the F. B. I. that would be helpful to the Judiciary Committee in the Gray hearings," Mr. Dash's statement said.

"Mr. McCord also stated that he feared any information he might give before the grand jury in the presence of representatives of the Department of Justice would be made immediately available to White House officials."

The same grand jury that investigated the Watergate case last July and August and that returned indictments in the case on Sept. 5 is expected to summon the seven convicted men beginning tomorrow.

The Ervin committee is scheduled to meet with Mr. Dash tomorrow afternoon.