

They Got a Copy Of the Watergate Plumbers' Check

Washington

Ron Eisenberg and Michelle Orwin were so pleased with the \$25 check they received for their first collaboration as free-lance writers that they took copies to have them framed.

Instead, they got back copies of a \$200,000 check paid by Richard M. Nixon's 1972 re-election committee to the lawyer for the four men convicted of burglarizing the Watergate offices of the Democratic party.

A downtown Washington frame shop had switched the check copies.

The \$200,000 check was made out by the Nixon committee liquidation fund to Daniel Schultz, who reached a settlement with the committee in February after claiming that his four clients had been duped into thinking the Watergate burglary had official White House sanction.

"I felt that after the 4½ years required to get the settlement it would be nice to look up and see this memento as proof that justice finally prevailed," said Schultz.

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