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# McGovern Ties Nixon To Bugging SFChronicle

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Senator George McGovern, making his harshest attack on the President, declared last night that the United States faces a "moral and a constitutional crisis of unprecedented dimensions" because of "widespread abuse of power" by the Nixon administration.

In a nationally televised address that he described as the most important of his campaign for the presidency, the Democratic candidate accused President Nixon of having catered to special interests, usurped congressional authority, made a "savagely" effort to intimidate the news media and tried to undermine the political process itself.

The 30-minute paid telecast followed appearances in Milwaukee and Cleveland in which McGovern charged that a published report linking the White House chief of staff to political espionage "places the whole ugly mess of corruption, of sabotage, of wiretapping right squarely in the lap of Richard Nixon."

The South Dakotan, referred in the two cities to allegations in yesterday's press that H. R. Haldeman, the President's senior aide, had helped to control a \$700,000 Republican fund that

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financed attempts to disrupt the Democratic campaign for the White House.

### DENIAL

The White House strenuously denied the account in the Washington Post, but not before McGovern had told 4000 persons at Cleveland State University that it was an illustration of "criminal activity and political subversion that is operating from deep inside the White House itself."

McGovern's televised address was videotaped in Washington on Monday. It contained no direct references to Haldeman and did not name any other members of the President's personal staff.

But McGovern blamed the alleged espionage and sabotage activities on the President and his closest associates, saying:

"The men who have collected millions in secret money, who have passed out special favors, who have ordered political sabotage, who have invaded our offices in the dead of night—all of these men work for Mr. Nixon.

"Most of them he hired himself. And their power comes from him alone. They act on his behalf and they all accept his orders."

### BLOCKED

McGovern said the President had blocked any independent investigation of the allegations growing out of the invasion and wiretapping of the Democratic party's national headquarters in June.

"He refused," the Senator added, "to answer questions from either the press or the people. He stays hidden in the White House, hoping you will mistake silence for innocence."

The televised address was the fifth in a series of Democratic broadcasts intended to win support for McGovern's candidacy and the third in which he appeared by himself to discuss basic

campaign issues.

### ATTACK

Unlike earlier telecasts in which the senator outlined his views on the Vietnam war and the economy, the broadcast last night was devoted almost entirely to a sharp attack on the Republican administration.

Except for a brief statement by McGovern that he is committed to restoring Americans' trust in government, his remarks were devoted to an indictment of the President's stewardship that the senator has been reciting daily to much smaller audiences.

McGovern charged that the administration had abandoned antitrust proceedings against the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. after the concern had offered to help finance the Republican national convention.

He protested that the Price Commission had granted an exemption from price controls to the combined insurance company of Chicago one week after its board chairman, W. Clement Stone, a major contributor to Mr. Nixon's campaigns, had dined in the White House.

### DAIRY

The senator linked Republican campaign contributions from the dairy industry and carpet manufacturers to the dispensation of government favors, and he said that Mr. Nixon's refusal to disclose the source of \$10 million in "secret" campaign funds evaded "troubling questions about why our government has acted the way it has over the past four years."

The senator asserted that Mr. Nixon had demeaned the judiciary by nominating unqualified individuals to the Supreme Court; had undermined Congress through "the encroachment of arbitrary executive power" in waging the Vietnam war and managing the economy,

and had "weakened" the constitution by eavesdropping on individuals, arresting anti-war demonstrators en masse and trying to "intimidate the press."

"We are confronted, in short, with both a moral and a constitutional crisis of unprecedented dimensions," he said. "Ambitious men come and go, but a free society might never recover from a sustained assault on its most basic institutions."

"And one can only ask, if this has happened in four years, to what lengths would the same leadership go in another four years, once freed of the restraints of facing the people for re-election?"