



GOP Security Man Arrested

Explain Break-In, O'Brien Asks

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Lawrence F. O'Brien, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, called on the Republican party today to explain the presence of a Nixon campaign security expert in a group of men arrested for breaking into Democratic headquarters.

Informed that former Atty. Gen. John Mitchell, who is now chairman of the Committee for Re-election of the President, has denied any responsibility for the incident, O'Brien asserted, "The record does not support his position."

O'Brien's comments on the incident came at a press conference during his appearance here before the United States Conference of Mayors.

Five men were seized early Saturday in the Washington offices of the Democratic Committee. One of the men has been identified as having been employed as a "security coordinator" for President Nixon's chief campaign committee. When the men were discovered, they had with them electronic and photographic equipment.

Saying he was "very much disturbed" by the incident, O'Brien called the break-in an "unconstitutional interference" with the activities of his office.

Democratic party attorney Joseph Califano has been instructed to look into whether federal laws were violated, said O'Brien, who also raised the possibility of an illegal use of campaign funds.

"I've never seen such a crass violation of individual rights," he said.

Yesterday O'Brien said the affair raised "the ugliest questions about the integrity of the political process that I have encountered in a quarter-century of political activity."

O'Brien fired off a telegram to Atty. Gen. Richard Kleindienst urging "an immediate and full-scale investigation" by the FBI to determine "what organization or individ-

uals are behind this incredible act of political espionage."

A JUSTICE Department spokesman said, however, the FBI had already begun an investigation as a "routine matter."

The White House refused comment and referred newsmen to the campaign committee.

The statements came after The Associated Press found the name of James W. McCord Jr., one of the five seized inside DNC headquarters early Saturday, listed in campaign-spending reports filed by the Nixon committee June 10.

The reports listed McCord as receiving a salary and other expenses for April and May as "security coordinator" for Nixon's main campaign committee.

McCord was being held Sunday in lieu of \$30,000 bail, charged with attempted burglary.

The other four also were charged with attempted burglary. They were held on \$50,000 bail each.

When seized by plainclothes policemen, who were called by a private security guard, the men were wearing rubber surgical gloves and were armed with expensive electronic and photographic equipment, plus what police described as elaborate burglar kits.

Police were called to the Democrats' offices in the wee hours Saturday morning after a security guard noticed that a door leading from a basement garage in the Watergate complex of offices, hotel rooms and apartments had

been taped so it would not lock.

McCord, in his 50s, reportedly retired two years ago as chief of security at the Central Intelligence Agency's nearby Langley, Va., headquarters.