

# Ex-G.O.P. Aide Linked to Political Raid

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WASHINGTON, June 19—A

former consultant to a high White House official was reported tonight to have met in Miami about two weeks ago with the apparent leader of the group that has been charged with attempting last Saturday to install secret listening devices at the offices of the Democratic National Committee here.

Cuban sources identified him as E. Howard Hunt, who became a consultant to Charles W. Colson, special counsel to President Nixon and to other high White House officials. Mr. Hunt was formerly a high official in the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Hunt, using the code name "Eduardo," was the C.I.A. official in charge of the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961.

He was the immediate superior of Bernard L. Barker in the preparations for the Cuban invasion. Mr. Barker, who at that time used the code name of "Macho" was one of the five men arrested at gunpoint early Saturday and charged with a break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington.

Cuban sources said that Mr. Hunt flew to Miami about two weeks ago to meet with Mr. Barker, now a wealthy realty man, and handed him his business calling card with his suburban Maryland home tele-

phone number penciled on the back and gave him oral instructions to call if he ever needed him.

Ken W. Clawson, Deputy Director of Communications for the Executive Branch, confirmed tonight reports that Mr. Hunt indeed worked as a White House consultant on a part-time basis in the summer and fall of 1971 and again this year.

Mr. Clawson said that Mr. Hunt, who was hired by the White House personnel office at Mr. Colson's suggestion, ceased his consulting work on March 29. But Mr. Clawson insisted that "we do not have any idea of his participation in the incident" involving the alleged break-in by former C.I.A.

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employees at the Democratic offices.

According to Mr. Clawson, "neither Mr. Colson nor anyone else had any knowledge or participation in this deplorable incident."

Police sources here said that Mr. Hunt's name was found in the address book of Mr. Barker and one other suspect at the time of their arrest.

But aside from the reported meeting in Miami between Mr. Hunt and Mr. Barker and the report that Mr. Hunt's name was in the address books, there was no further evidence to link the former C.I.A. official to the break-in.

Mr. Hunt was reached at his home yesterday and was asked whether he knew Mr. Barker.

"I have no comment on that," Mr. Hunt said, and then he hung up the telephone. Tonight Mr. Hunt was called again, but the person answering the telephone said he was out of town until Wednesday or Thursday.

The mystery continued over the motivations for the break-in, and the identity of those who might have ordered it.

Earlier today, the Federal Bureau of Investigation entered the case in Miami after the Department of Justice announced a full-scale investigation and the availability of a Federal grand jury to receive the evidence.

## Resigned From C.I.A.

After resigning from the C.I.A., Mr. Hunt, who is 53 years old, joined the Robert R. Mullen Company, a Washington public relations concern that, during the 1968 campaign, had the publicity account of the Committee for the Election of President Nixon and Vice President Agnew.

Last summer, Mr. Clawson said, Mr. Hunt was hired after

President Nixon ordered a study on declassifying official documents following the publication of the Pentagon Papers.

Mr. Hunt had an office in the Executive Office Building, near the White House, during his work as a consultant for which he was paid a daily fee that was believed to be \$100.

Mr. Clawson said Mr. Hunt had worked 63 days last year. But subsequently it developed that Mr. Hunt's expertise was in the area of the international narcotics traffic and he was shifted as a consultant to David Young, a member of the staff of Henry A. Kissinger, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Mr. Clawson said.

Mr. Hunt, who worked for a total of 24½ days this year, Mr. Clawson said, also worked for Egil (Bud) Krogh, a staff member of the White House Domestic Council.

Mr. Clawson did not explain why Mr. Hunt's consulting assignment was ended on March 29.

## Recommendation Noted

Mr. Colson, according to Mr. Clawson, recommended that Mr. Hunt be hired because he knew him from the time they were both officers of the Brown University Club in Washington.

Cuban sources said that Mr. Hunt maintained personal ties with Mr. Barker in the years following the Bay of Pigs invasion. Last year, he was said to have introduced Mr. Barker to Washington friends at a cocktail party at the Army-Navy Club here, of which the former C.I.A. official is a member.

Among those arrested last Saturday was James W. McCord, also a former C.I.A. official and until the break-in a security consultant to both the Republican National Committee and the Committee for the Re-

election of the President.

Republican officials said today that Mr. McCord had been dismissed from his job after the incident.

Police sources said that the four break-in suspects from Miami—Mr. McCord lives in the Washington area—had checked into the Watergate Hotel about 10 days ago under the same fictitious names they used on registering again last Friday night.

These sources said that the four men spent about two days in the hotel which adjoins the Watergate office building in which the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee are situated.

In Miami, the F.B.I. arranged to question Miguel R. Suarez, a business partner of one of the suspects in the break-in and a leading Republican in that city's Cuban community.

## Response by Ziegler

The White House press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, said in Key Biscayne, Fla., that "I'm not going to comment from the White House on a third-rate burglary attempt."

"This is something that should not fall into the political process," he said.

Both the Republican National Committee and the Committee to Re-elect the President denounced in statements yesterday the pre-dawn raid. Today, Senator Robert Dole of Kansas, the party's National Chairman, telegraphed key members of the Republican committee, including those representing Spanish-speaking groups, urging them not to discuss the matter with anyone.

The Dole memorandum instructed committee members to refer all inquiries to the committee's director of communications, Tom Wolck.

The F.B.I., local policemen, Administration officials and spokesmen for the Republican party refused to discuss details of the case today.

As both the mystery and official silence surrounding the raid deepened, the issue turned quickly into a political controversy. All five suspects, an investigation suggests, have at one time or another had links with the C.I.A.

Senator George McGovern of South Dakota, the leading contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination, said at a morning news conference in New York that the raid was "one of the most shocking actions that has happened in this country for some time."