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WASHINGTON, June 23 — Bernard L. Barker, one of the five men arrested in the raid on the Democratic headquarters last Saturday, withdrew \$89,000 from a Miami bank on May 8, an Assistant United States Attorney, Earl J. Silbert, said today. The money included \$10,000 in \$100 bills.

Mr. Silbert said at a hearing to determine if bail should be reduced for the five men that some of the \$100 bills recovered by the police at the Democratic headquarters and from the rooms of the suspects had come from the same bank, the Republic National Bank of Miami.

He said that the \$89,000 was deposited at the bank in

the name of Barker Assoc. Inc. on April 24 in the form of four checks drawn on the Banco Internacional, S.A. of Mexico City.

Mr. Silbert did not disclose the source of the checks, which were for \$24,000, \$15,000, \$32,000 and \$18,000.

Joseph A. Rafferty Jr., the attorney for Mr. Barker, said that his client had indicated that the checks had been deposited at the bank as part of a real estate transaction and that the money had reverted to him when the deal fell through.

Mr. Barker, one of the top planners of the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961, has been working as a real estate salesman in Miami and is the president of Barker Associates, Inc., a small real estate company

there.

Mr. Silbert argued at the Superior Court hearing before Judge James A. Belson that Mr. Barker's bail should not be reduced because someone handling such large amounts of money might try to leave the country.

Judge Belson agreed, saying that "a man with \$89,000 is a very mobile person." He postponed a ruling on the request to ease bail until Monday, when he wants Mr. Rafferty to present affidavits from the bank showing whether the money was part of a real estate transaction.

The judge did accept a cash bond of \$3,000 on behalf of James W. McCord Jr., a security official for the Republican National Committee. Mr.

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McCord was released with the provision that he not leave the Washington area and that he report to the local bail agency every day.

An official for the Federal Communications Commission said today that Mr. McCord had been issued special temporary radio licenses for transmitters on May 7 in connection with security for the Republican National Committee headquarters.

The police said they found two walkie-talkies with Mr. McCord when he and four other men were arrested in the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee on the sixth floor of the Watergate Hotel.

Sources close to the investigation said that three of the frequencies to which the walkie-talkies were tuned were

the frequencies assigned to Mr. McCord by the F.C.C.

The judge also refused to change the \$50,000 bail bond for Frank Sturgis, a key figure in the Bay of Pigs invasion and other anti-Castro movements.

Mr. Silbert called Mr. Sturgis a "soldier of fortune" and said that the police had found on his possession a visa from the Mexican Government allowing him to visit the country from Jan. 7 through April 6 of this year. The visa was made out in the name of Edward Hamilton, the alias Mr. Sturgis used when he registered with seven other men at the Watergate from May 26 through May 29.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is seeking four other men who stayed at the Watergate. Cuban sources said that

two of the men might be connected to a group of Cuban veterans of the Bay of Pigs invasion who have met in Miami with American friends from Washington and agreed on direct action to combat what they viewed as left-wing causes in the United States.

Jack Anderson, the nationally syndicated columnist who appeared in court to vouch for Mr. Sturgis, said that Mr. Sturgis told him he had joined Mr. Barker to aid Cuban exiles in the United States.

Mr. Anderson, who said he was a long-time acquaintance of Mr. Sturgis, recalled that he had seen Mr. Sturgis at the National Airport last Friday with a group of Cubans.