

GOP Phone Calls and The Break-In

Washington

At least 15 calls to President Nixon's campaign organization were placed from telephones in the home and office of a man said to have led the break-in at the offices of the Democratic National Committee on June 17.

Records of the calls, made available by sources involved in the investigation of the break-in, suggest more direct and extensive links between the incident, apparently conducted in an effort to place electronic eavesdropping devices, and the Committee for the Re-Election of the President than previously reported.

Telephone conversations were conducted, as early as March 15, in calls placed from the home and office of Bernard L. Barker, a former Central Intelligence Agency employee who was arrested in the break-in, to numbers of the committee.

More than half the calls went to an unlisted number in the offices of the committee's lawyers. One of the lawyers, G. Gordon Liddy, was quietly dismissed last month for refusing to answer questions by the FBI.

Another committee lawyer, Glenn J. Sedam Jr., who is now general counsel to the Nixon Committee, said he had shared the telephone with Liddy but had never talked with Barker.

The other calls, including one placed from Barker's home in Miami the day before the incident, went to a number that has since been disconnected. Calls to it now are referred to a number in the committee's finance office.

The telephone traffic between Barker's Miami home and office and the committee included nine calls to the legal office and six to the disconnected number from which callers are now directed to the finance office.

The FBI which is conducting a broad investigation of the break-in, is known to have made inquiries concerning the committee's attorneys.

Liddy was dismissed on June 28 by John N. Mitchell, the former attorney general who was then director of the re-election committee.

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