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WASHINGTON AP - President Nixon's campaign director said Thursday a \$25,000 campaign check linked to a key figure in the alleged bugging attempt of Democratic headquarters was "properly and lawfully accounted for" by Republican finance officials.

Responding to questions at a National Press Club luncheon, Clark MacGregor said that, from his own investigation, he is satisfied that the \$25,000 check was cashed by Bernard Barker and the proceeds turned over to the campaign treasury.

MacGregor, meantime, declined to comment on a report in the Washington Star-News that additional contributions to Nixon's reelection campaign totaling \$89,000 had found their way into Barker's bank account.

"I haven't had an opportunity to investigate the facts," MacGregor said in declining to comment on the newspaper's story.

MacGregor said, however, that there was a "very vigorous prosecution" of the current federal investigation of the bugging incident, which he called an "absolutely idiotic, wholly unauthorized and bizarre operation."

Barker is one of five men arrested and charged in the break in and purported bugging attempt at the Democratic National Committee headquarters. The \$25,000 check reportedly turned up in his Florida bank account.

MacGregor said that the \$25,000 was listed in a report filed with the General Accounting Office by campaign finance director Maurice Stans. MacGregor predicted the GAO's current investigation would confirm the "assessment of facts I've given here today."

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WASHINGTON AP - Additional contributions to President Nixon's reelection campaign totaling \$89,000 found their way into the bank account of one of the men charged with breaking into the Democratic National Committee headquarters, the Washington Star-News said Friday.

Quoting "sources close to the investigation," the Star-News said also that federal agents probing the June 17 break-in have found the Republicans established a special "security fund" for its national convention.

It was not known, the newspaper said, whether the money came from that fund - set up to thwart demonstrations.

The \$89,000 was deposited in four installments into the account of Bernard Barker, a Miami real estate man and one of the five men arrested in the Democratic headquarters, the Star-News said.

It would raise to \$114,000 the amount deposited in Barker's account through the Committee to Re-Elect the President, the newspaper said. Last week a \$25,000 campaign check was traced to Barker's account at the Republic National Bank of Miami.

Barker, a Miami real estate man, was one of five men arrested in the Democratic offices. The men carried cameras and bugging equipment, later police confiscated 53 consecutively numbered \$100 bills from the \$98 \$5kaced the money to a large withdrawal Barker had made from his bank.

legitimate campaign contributions was used to finance the break-in - apparently without the knowledge or authorization of top officials from the Committee to Re-Elect the President or other GOP leaders," the newspaper said.

"Federal agents are now trying to pinpoint the origins of the \$89,000 and determine what transactions brought the money to the account of Barker."

The \$89,000 had been transferred to Barker's account in the name of Manuel Daguerre Ogarrio, a prominent Mexican business lawyer, who has denied any knowledge of the transaction.

"But sources have confirmed," the Star-News said, "that the money did pass through the President's campaign committee."

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