

## O'Brien 'Has Proof' 7 in GOP to Face Quiz on 'Bugging'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Democratic party chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien says he can prove that party offices actually were bugged, and his lawyer intends to question seven top Republicans about it.

O'Brien, who was chairman at the time of a break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters, told a news conference Tuesday he has new evidence to prove that eavesdropping devices actually were installed for a time.

He said his attorney, Edward Bennett Williams, will take depositions about the break-in and alleged bugging attempt from President Nixon's chief campaign fund-raiser, Maurice H. Stans; Nixon's former campaign manager, John N. Mitchell, other Republicans linked to the case, and the five men charged with the break-in.

Meanwhile, Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern accused Nixon of at least indirect responsibility for the incident.

"What is to prevent an administration that cooperates with that kind of thing from wiretapping your house, or your union hall, or something else they want to get?" McGovern told a labor rally in Lordstown, Ohio. "This is the kind of thing that you would expect from a person like Hitler."

The White House declined comment on McGovern's statement.

O'Brien told of the new evidence in discussing developments in the \$1-million civil lawsuit he filed against the Republicans. One of those arrested, James W. McCord Jr., was security chief for the Nixon campaign committee.

Bugging devices were confiscated at the time of the arrests.

O'Brien, now McGovern's national campaign chairman, said his lawyer advised against disclosing details of the new evidence prior to a court hearing.