

[Not transcribed, earlier portion of this report on Watergate affair, already covered in clippings.]

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The General Accounting Office investigated Republican campaign financing after the alleged leader of a burglary into Democratic national headquarters last June 17th was found to have about \$20,000 [sic] of Republican campaign funds in his pocket and more in a private bank account in Miami. That man, Bernard Barker, a former FBI and CIA agent, was chief of security of the Committee to Re-Elect the President at the time of the burglary. He has since been fired by the committee and committee officials have denied any connection with the burglary and alleged bugging attempt. But how Mr. Barker wound up with the Republican money has not yet been explained, and the report of the General Accounting Office did not touch on that matter.

Howard Hunt, a former Presidential adviser whose name and address were found in Mr. Barker's address book, made a public appearance in Washington, D.C., Tuesday [29 Aug] for the first time since mid-June. Mr. Hunt, a former CIA operative, went to the offices of the attorney who is handling the Democrats' \$1,000,000 lawsuit against the Republicans, to file depositions concerning his alleged connection to the burglary.

Attorney General Richard Kleindienst said Tuesday [29 Aug] that the Justice Department will indict those responsible for the burglary into Democratic national headquarters before the presidential election, and possibly as early as September. Mr. Kleindienst said, "The FBI is conducting the most expensive [sic], thorough and complete investigation since the Kennedy assassination." He made the remarks to newsmen prior to giving a speech to the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and called the break-in and alleged bugging attempt "a stupid incident."

Mr. Kleindienst said that "no credible, fair-minded person is going to be able to say that we whitewashed or dragged our feet on the investigation, when it is over." He said charges by Democrats that a Republican-controlled Justice Department could not conduct a fair investigation into a matter involving the Committee for the Re-Election of the President were political.

The Washington Post reported that when asked if he knows who is behind the burglary Mr. Kleindienst said, "I think so," but declined to elaborate on his answer.

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