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Demos Claim New Bugging

SALT LAKE CITY — (AP) — Democratic National Chairman Jean Westwood says a wire-filled red box in the possession of the party indicates the Democrats' national headquarters may have been the target of another bugging attempt last week.

In response to a question yesterday, Mrs. Westwood said she does not believe political spying can ever be completely eliminated, then related an incident at Democratic Party offices at the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C., last week.

Installers

"We're fairly sure that we were bugged again," she said. "Last Wednesday, I think it was one of the girls in the office went out into the hallway and there was this huge hole in the hallway and some men installing a red box. She asked them what they were installing and they said fire equipment."

"And we checked with the Fire Department and they were not putting in any new fire equipment and neither was the building."

Mrs. Westwood said the men left while the girl was reporting the incident, leaving the box behind. She said no one has returned to complete the installation.

New Probe

"We have it being checked right now," she said, adding that the box and details of the incident have been turned over to party attorneys investigating an earlier alleged attempt to bug the party's Watergate offices.

She charged that the Committee for the Re-Election of the President and the Republican Party were directly involved in the first attempt and that White House sources were either "directly tied in or they cared so little about what their cabinet members in the committee did and the kind of activities they engaged in that they turned them free with a free hand with no instructions not to do these kinds of things . . ."