

'Dem Bug Plan Aimed At Traitors'

MIAMI — (AP) — A friend of a man involved in the alleged plot to bug the Democratic headquarters in Washington says it was part of a scheme to expose people involved in "traitorous dealings" with North Vietnam, the Miami News reported today.

The News said the friend of Frank Sturgis, one of the men charged with breaking into the Democratic headquarters in June, said Sturgis was "a staunch patriot and violently anti-Communist."

Sturgis "believes there are people in both parties that are dealing with the enemy — giving away military secrets — and he wants to expose them," the News quoted the unnamed friend.

The News said its informant would not say if any attempt had been made to bug Republican headquarters.

Sturgis refused to comment on the statements in the News, saying he had been advised by his attorney not to make any statements.