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# A Probe of GOP Funds, Break-In

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Chairman Wright Patman (Dem-Tex.) yesterday called a House Banking Committee meeting for next week to discuss financial dealings surrounding the alleged bugging attempt at Democratic National Committee headquarters.

The Democrats are suing the Committee for the Re-election of the President and the five burglary suspects in a \$1 million invasion of privacy suit arising from their capture last June 17 in the Democrats' offices at the plush Watergate apartment complex. Police said the suspects had electronic surveillance equipment and cameras in their possession.

## 'SECRETS'

In Miami, a friend of a man accused of taking part in the break-in says the bugging was an attempt to expose people who were "giving military secrets to the enemy," according to the Miami News.

The News said in yesterday's editions that the unnamed friend of Frank Sturgis claimed Sturgis was "violently anti-Communist" and "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 said its source would not reveal if an attempt had been made to bug Republican party headquarters.

Patman called the meeting after Republicans on the committee complained they were being frozen out of the investigation by staff members "engaging in a frolic of their own."

The staff, under Patman's direction, has been questioning a number of persons in the United States and Mexico, including Maruice H. Stans, President Nixon's campaign finance chief, about the transfer of funds to and from Mr. Nixon's re-election committee, some of the money reportedly went to one of the five men allegedly involved in the break-in.

## STATEMENTS

Attorneys for the Democratic Committee, meanwhile, prepared a further list of White House and Republican party officials who might shed more light on the incident through sworn statements before the \$1 million civil suit case goes to court.

Lawyers for the Democrats have requested 13 depositions, mostly from present and former White House and GOP officials.

John N. Mitchell, the former director of President Nixon's re-election campaign, completed his deposition Tuesday, repeating denials that he had any knowledge of the incident.

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