

MacGregor Says Nixon Aides Were Not Involved in Break-In

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (UPI)—Clark MacGregor, President Nixon's campaign director, said today that he was convinced that top officials in the re-election effort, past and present, "are wholly innocent" of involvement in the June 17 break-in at the Democratic national headquarters.

This includes, he said, John N. Mitchell, whom Mr. MacGregor replaced as head of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President when Mr. Mitchell stepped down because of family reasons.

Mr. MacGregor discussed the break-in during an interview on the Columbia Broadcasting System television program "Face the Nation."

The former Minnesota Representative was asked if he had any concern about possible embarrassment to the re-election committee when a grand jury handed up its decision—expected soon—on five men accused of trying to place electronic eavesdropping devices in the Democratic headquarters at the Watergate Hotel in Washington.

"No," he replied, "on the contrary. We are anxious to see the grand jury action com-

pleted. People in authority will be exonerated by not being indicted."

"I'm satisfied they are wholly innocent," Mr. MacGregor said.

Mr. MacGregor also said that he would welcome the disclosure of the names of those who contributed \$10-million to the President's re-election campaign before April 7 when the new law for campaign financing disclosures went into effect, except that this would violate the right of the donors to anonymity.

"We cannot abrogate that right," he added.

One of the five men arrested in the Watergate break-in was found to have deposited in his bank account \$114,000 in checks interded for the President's campaign fund.

Commenting on this, Sargent Shriver, the Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee, said today, "It's obvious, I suppose, that people give cash if they don't want money to be traced to them rather than writing a check. When somebody's got \$114,000 in cash they obviously are using it to circumvent the law, in this case the election law."