

# DEMOCRATIC SUIT CHARGES SPY PLOT

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Amended Complaint Names  
Stans and 3 Other Aides  
in the Nixon Campaign  
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The Democratic party today accused Maurice H. Stans, finance chairman of the Nixon campaign, and three other campaign aides of conspiring "to commit political espionage" against Democratic officials and candidates.

The plaintiff in the suit is Lawrence F. O'Brien, chairman of the McGovern Presidential campaign.

Mr. Stans said today, "Mr. O'Brien's allegations against me are a scurrilous pack of lies, and he knows it. They amount to nothing more than a contemptible maneuver to use the court for his own base political purpose, and the American people will recognize it.

Clark MacGregor, chairman of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, said today in a statement that Mr. O'Brien and his colleagues "are deliberately abusing the American judicial system for the sole purpose of manufacturing political headlines which would be grossly libelous if said outside of a legal proceeding."

He said that he has instructed

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his attorney to file suit for punitive damages "for malicious prosecution and abuse of Representative Wright Patman, Democrat of Texas, who is chairman of the House Banking Committee, said that Mr. Stans had refused to appear before the committee next Thursday to discuss the Watergate break-in.

He said that Mr. Stans's decision would only serve to "increase suspicions that there is a great deal to be covered up in this case."

The new complaint charges that Mr. Stans, a former Secretary of Commerce who resigned earlier this year to become finance chairman of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, and Hugh W. Sloan Jr., former treasurer for the committee, delivered \$114,000 to finance the operations of an "espionage squad."

The complaint said that Mr. Stans and Mr. Sloan, "while falsely stating that the said \$114,000 is accounted for in the records" of the Finance Committee for the Re-election of the President, had destroyed financial records and had refused to disclose what the money had been used for.

## G.A.O. Released Audit

The General Accounting Office released an audit of Mr. Stans's financial operations last month, alleging nine apparent violations of the law governing campaign contributions.

Mr. Stans has said that there was no connection between the operations of the finance committee and the Watergate break-in and that such "inferences have been solely politically inspired."

The complaint filed today by the Democrats in Federal District Court here said that the money had been given to G. Gordon Liddy, who was at the time counsel to the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

The complaint said that Mr. Liddy and E. Howard Hunt Jr., a former White House consultant who was an intelligence agent for the committee, commanded the espionage squad that was formed last March or about that time.

The purpose of the espionage squad, according to the complaint, was to break into offices of persons and organizations connected with the Democratic Presidential campaign, steal and photograph documents and install wiretaps and evesdropping devices.

## McCord in Command

In immediate charge of the squad, the complaint said, was James W. McCord, the chief security officer of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, who along with four other men was caught in the Watergate by the police.

The complaint said that the squad was responsible for the following acts of political espionage:

¶Before May 25, the squad broke into the offices of the Democratic National Committee and stole and photographed private documents of Lawrence F. O'Brien, the chairman of the committee.

¶Mr. O'Brien's phone was tapped from May 25 to June 17, and a listening post was set up across the street from the Watergate in a room at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge. Mr. Liddy, Mr. Hunt and Mr. McCord paid periodic visits to the listening post, and Mr. McCord prepared confidential memorandums of the conversations.

¶The squad tried to break into the headquarters of Senator George McGovern to install wiretaps.

¶On June 17, Mr. Liddy, Mr. Hunt and five othermen who were later caught by the police entered the offices of the Democratic National Committee at the Watergate to repair existing wiretaps, put in new ones and steal and photograph documents. Mr. Liddy and Mr. Hunt got away after being warned by a look-out that the police were coming.

Lawyers for the firm of Edward Bennett Williams, who is handling the suit for the Democrats, refused to disclose whether the new complaint was based on information turned up by their own investigators or on epositions obtained from many Republican officials during the last month.

The deposition have been sealed by Federal District Judge Charles R. Richey.

The amended complaint added Mr. Stans, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Liddy, Mr. Hunt and the Committee for the Re-election of the President as defendants. The original suit named only the five men arrested in the break-in.

In another development, the Presidential press secretary,

Ronald L. Ziegler, said today that a report on the Watergate case prepared by a White House Aide, John Wesley Dean 3d, would not be made public because it was an "internal study" and because a grand jury and other agencies were investigating the incident.