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    MIAMI, Fla. AP — Bernard L. Barker, one of five men accused
of breaking into Democratic National Headquarters in
Washington, D.C., pleaded innocent Friday to fraudulently
notarizing a $25,000 Republican campaign check.
    The former CIA operative and four other men were seized by police
June 17 inside Democratic headquarters in Washington's Watergate
complex. They and two other men were indicted Friday by a federal
grand jury in Washington on charges of breaking into Democratic
headquarters to steal documents and to install electronic bugs to
intercept telephone and oral communications.
    In the Miami case, Barker was freed on $1,000 bond and Judge Paul
Baker set trial for Oct. 30 on the felony charge, which is
punishable by a prison term of up to five years.
    Barker was accompanied at his bond hearing in Criminal Court by
Henry Rothblatt of New York City, the attorney for the five men.
    Rothblatt said the men were motivated by a desire to free Cuba of
Communist domination. "People like them are motivated to do things
for love of Cuba," he said.
    Barker, who reportedly played a role in the abortive Bay of
Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961, said at a news conference after his
arraignment: "I'm not ashamed of anything I've done. I don't look
at myself as a common burglar."
    Barker, 55-year-old Miami resident and a former Cuban national
police officer, said, "I'll face the responsibilities as they come
up." He added that he counted on "my friends to back me."
    Rothblatt said Barker "has always supported a Cuba free of
Communist domination and will continue to do so."
    State attorney Richard Gerstein of Miami, who filed the felony
charge against Barker, said the $25,000 check was deposited
by Barker in his Miami bank account in April. The cashier's
check was signed by Kenneth Dahlberg, Midwest finance chairman
for the Committee to Re-elect the President, Gerstein said.
    Gerstein charged Barker had difficulty in cashing the check and
tried to deposit it in his account at Miami's Republic
National Bank.
    Barker, a notary public, was asked to have Dahlberg's signature
notarized by a bank vice president. He returned with the check
notarized with his own notary seal, the state attorney said.
    Gerstein said Barker had "fraudulently and falsely swore
that Dahlberg had signed the check in Barker's presence, when
in truth Barker had never met and never seen Dahlberg."
    Rothblatt said he did not expect the check case to come to trial
before the Nov. 7 presidential election because there were "many
legal problems."
    Baker set Oct. 13 as the date for hearing motions.
    Gerstein disclosed last month that testimony from a Miami
commercial photographer indicated there may have
been more than one break-in at Democratic headquarters.
    Gerstein said the photographer testified that Barker brought him
film to be processed as a "rush job" a week before the June 17
Watergate break-in. The photographer said the prints showed what
appeared to be correspondence between Democratic party leaders.
    The state attorney said the photographer passed a lie detector
test "with flying colors," but he has not filed any other
charges since the disclosure.
    Meanwhile, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., speaking in Miami
Beach before the United Rubber Workers convention, said
his judicial subcommittee would forego investigation of the
Watergate affair if indictments are returned promptly against
Barker and four others.
    "Obviously, we would have to pass up any investigation that
would conflict with proper court procedure," Kennedy said.
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