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KCBS: [First few words missed] ... in connection with the Watergate incident. The seven are accused of breaking into the Democratic headquarters last June to steal documents and install bugging devices.

The Attorney General thinks his department is doing a good job on the affair. Tony Sargeant spoke with Richard Kleindienst in Washington.

Sargeant: Attorney General Richard Kleindienst today told reporters he thinks the public ultimately will realize the federal investigation of the so-called Watergate affair has been what he terms the most comprehensive, deep and thorough investigation since the assassination of John Kennedy. Kleindienst said that included both the break-in of Democratic party headquarters and the related matter of whether Republican campaign funds were properly channeled. But Kleindienst admitted the public will never know all the facts.

Kleindienst [voice]: They won't have complete corroboration of that and they can't have it, because we also are charged with protecting the constitutional rights of defendants, and also the right of the United States government, you know, in terms of the prosecution of cases. But I think within a very short period of time they ought to be given enough evidence of that to substantiate what I've just said.

Sargeant: The Attorney General commented on the Watergate affair as he was attending the graduation of a class at the FBI's training school for local law enforcement officers.

Tony Sargeant, CBS News, Washington.

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