

WATERGATE JUDGE BARS TALK OF CASE

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Forbids All Parties Involved to Comment—McGovern Affirms Right to Speak NYTimes

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 4—The judge in charge of the pending criminal trial of the seven men indicted in the Watergate bugging case today enjoined all parties involved from discussing any aspect of the case outside the courtroom.

Chief Judge John J. Sirica, who issued the order in Federal District Court here, said that he was acting on a motion by one of the defendants, E. Howard Hunt Jr., "in consideration of the widely publicized and sensational nature" of the alleged bugging of the Democratic National Headquarters here last June.

The order applies to the Justice Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the seven defendants, their attorneys, witnesses, potential witnesses and "alleged victims" and "all persons acting for or with them."

In granting the order, the judge specifically warned all af-

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fectured by it from "making any extrajudicial statements to anyone, including the news media, concerning any aspects of this case which are likely to interfere with the rights of the accused, or the public, to a fair trial by an impartial jury."

McGovern Disturbed

Senator George McGovern, the Democratic Presidential nominee, promptly issued a statement saying that, after consulting with his lawyers, he did not believe that Judge Sirica's order "in any way inhibits the right of candidates for public office . . . to discuss the burglary and bugging of the Democratic party headquarters."

Mr. McGovern, who has made the Watergate incident one of his chief campaign issues, said he intended to pursue his First Amendment rights in "informing the public about this act of political espionage."

The Senator accused the Nixon Administration of "pressuring" the Justice Department and the defendants into agreeing not to oppose today's order, which he called "a political agreement."

Mr. Hunt and the six others were indicted by a Federal grand jury last month on charges of conspiring during May and early June to "obtain and use" information from the Democrats' offices by tapping telephones, using electronic eavesdropping devices and photographing documents.

Senator's Office Involved

The indictment also accused three of the men, including Mr. Hunt, of attempting to enter Senator McGovern's pre-convention headquarters on Capitol Hill on May 27. Thus, under the language of the court order, Mr. McGovern could be considered an "alleged victim" and subject to its limitations.

Four of the five men arrested inside the Democratic headquarters June 17, during what the Justice Department describes as an attempt to repair a faulty telephone tap, have given interviews of varying length in the press.

They are Bernard L. Barker and Eugenio R. Martinez, both Miami realtors; Virgilio R. Gonzales, a locksmith, also from Miami, and Frank Sturgis, a self-described soldier of fortune.

The three other defendants are James W. McCord Jr., employed at the time of the break-in as security coordinator for the Committee for the Re-election of the President; G. Gordon Liddy, at the time a counsel to the Nixon campaign's finance committee, and Mr. Hunt, a former White House consultant.

Meanwhile, Representative Wright Patman, Democrat of Texas and chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, requested today that the General Accounting Office investigate aspects of the Watergate incident and report its findings by Oct. 26.

In a letter to Elmer B. Staats, the Controller General, Mr. Patman asked that he G.A.O. further investigate the collection, transfer and use of more than \$100,000 that has been linked to the Watergate break-in. His request came after his committee refused yesterday to authorize its own investigation.