Nixon: 133 G-Men on Watergate

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — President Nixon said today that the FBI has assigned 133 agents to the Watergate bugging case, has checked out 1800 leads and conducted 1500 interviews.

Declining otherwise to comment on the case, in which the Democratic National Committee offices were bugged by men working for his re-election committee, Nixon said:

"I conducted an investigation of the (Alger) Hiss case and that investigation was a Sunday school picnic compared to the amount of effort put into this.

"One thing that has always puzzled me is why anyone would want to get in or out of the Watergate," he said. But since it happened, he said, a thorough investigation is continuing.

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