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Representative Wright Patman invited four high White House and Republican campaign figures to testify tomorrow about new evidence he said had been uncovered regarding political espionage aimed at "destroying" the Democratic party.

Patman, chairman of the House Banking Committee, told a news conference yesterday that "there are many facts now we didn't have a week ago."

He avoided direct answers to questions about specifics of his investigation, except to refer in part to a Washington Post story giving details of what it termed a "massive campaign of political spying and sabotage" directed by the White House

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and the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

DENIAL The White House and the re-election committee denied the substance of the Post report, which quoted information in FBI and Justice Department files.

The report documented alleged attempts to disrupt the campaigns of Democratic candidates as far back as 1971 with undercover agents, surveillance and forgeries.

Patman, the Texas Democrat whose committee last week denied him subpoena power to summon witnesses for pre-election hearings into the Watergate bugging incident by a 20 to 15 vote, said he has decided instead to invite key witnesses to a 10 a.m. committee session tomorrow.

INVITED

They are former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans, chairman of President Nixon's campaign finance committee; former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, former chairman; of the re-election committee; Clark MacGregor, its present chairman, and John Dean, the White House aide who conducted Mr. Nixon's investigation of the June 17 break-in and alleged bugging of Democratic headquarters at the Watergate complex.

before the committee. "It would be absolutely crazy for any of these witnesses to appear," said Representative Ben Blackburn (Rep.-Ga.), a committe member who said it was obvious Patman had nothing new to investigate.

Patman, insisting he did, said chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica had specifically exempted Congress from his order barring public 'statements by parties to the Watergate case.

"There is no legitimate reason for them not to appear," Patman said.

VIEW

The attempted GOP sabotage tactics outlined by the Post reflected "an attempt to substitute espionage for political discussion" that was "a chapter out of the political handbooks of the totalitarian countries," Patman said.

"If one political party can destroy another, we would take a great step toward a dictatorship in this country," he said. "... The safety of our country is involved in this."

Alex B. Shipley, Democratic assistant attorney general of Tennessee, told reporters outside his Nashville office yesterday that he stood by his story in the Post that Donald H. Segretti, 31, a former junior attorney in the Treasury Department, had tried to recruit him last year as an undercover agent working for Mr. Nixon's campaign committee.