

A New Watergate

Washington

The House Banking Committee has documentary evidence that Nixon campaign funds were used to buy electronic equipment for use by one of the men arrested when Democratic national headquarters were broken into, Representative Wright Patman said yesterday.

However, the Texas Democrat did not directly deny that equipment referred to in documents he produced could have been designed for protection against elec-

tronic eavesdropping. But he added:

"They (Republicans) don't have any problem about that ... Why should they buy that kind of equipment?"

Patman made his report when interviewed on the CBS TV-radio program "Face the Nation."

He displayed what he said were copies of a check signed by Hugh W. Sloan Jr., former treasurer of the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, and of an accompanying memorandum.

Patman said the equip-

ment was for use by James W. McCord Jr., one of five men arrested June 17 in the Democratic headquarters in the Watergate complex. McCord was security coordinator for President Nixon's campaign organization.

The equipment was described, Patman said, as "audio-countermeasures radio receiver and alarm."

"My understanding is that it's a bugging device," Patman said. When an interviewer suggested that it might be an anti-bugging one, Patman replied he does not see why Republican

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campaigners should buy such equipment.

Patman said he has not given up his attempt to conduct a full investigation of the Watergate case. His committee voted 20 to 15 against authorizing subpoenas for such an investigation.

Meanwhile, he said, he welcomes the investigation announced by a Senate judiciary subcommittee headed by Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem-Mass.) and will help in any way he can.

And he said still another investigation which he asked

the General Accounting Office to conduct is going well and should have something to report by October 26.

"The American people are screaming out, 'We want the facts, we want them before the election,'" Patman said.

In another development, Time magazine said it has learned from Justice Department files that Donald H. Segretti received \$35,000 from the Committee for the Re-election of the President to "subvert and disrupt Democratic candidates' campaigns."

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