

# Public 'Screaming' for Bugging Truth-

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Wright Patman, chairman of the House Banking Committee, says Americans are "screaming out" to demand the facts in the break-in and alleged bugging of Democratic National headquarters here.

Patman said Sunday his committee has documents which show that Nixon campaign funds were used to buy electronic equipment from James W. McCord, one of five men arrested inside the Democratic offices on June 17.

He said the equipment was described as "audio-countermeasures radio receiver and alarm." He added: "My understanding is that it's a bugging device." But he acknowledged he didn't know to what use the equipment was put.

The Texas Democrat said he has not given up on hopes for the banking committee to conduct a full investigation of the case, even though a majority of the committee has disapproved such a probe.

"The American people are screaming out, 'We want the facts, we want them before the election,'" Patman said in an appearance on the CBS TV-radio program "Face the Nation."

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

He said they were for purchase of the "audio-countermeasures" equipment. Asked if that might not be an anti-bugging device for use at Republican offices, Patman replied:

"But they don't have any problem like that. It's only the Democratic headquarters that had the problem. And why should he go buy equipment like that."

Meanwhile, presidential aide John D. Ehrlichman said a story in The Washington Post which suggested a link from Nixon's appointments secretary, Dwight L. Chapin, to a political spying and sabotage operation is "hearsay about four times removed."

He said he is satisfied that no one in the White House had advance knowledge of the alleged bugging at Democratic offices at the Watergate complex here.

Time magazine said it has learned from Justice Department files that Donald H. Segretti, a California attorney,

received \$35,000 from the Committee for the Re-Election of the President to "subvert and disrupt Democratic candidates' campaigns."

The Washington Post today reported that President Nixon's personal attorney, Herbert W. Kalmbach, 50, was one of five persons authorized to approve payments from a secret intelligence gathering and espionage fund.

Quoting sources in the investigation of the Watergate case, it said the FBI has determined that Kalmbach himself either authorized or actually made payments of thousands of dollars to Segretti.

It said Segretti has been identified by the FBI as one of more than 50 undercover operatives who have worked for more than a year in a political spying and sabotage effort.

The Post Sunday quoted Lawrence R. Young, another California lawyer, as saying Segretti told him that funds for sabotage activities and a \$20,000 annual salary came from "a trust fund in a lawyer's name ... a high-placed

friend of the President, and he was instructed to guard that name zealously."

The Post added: "That description fits Kalmbach, who

has been a long time friend of the President's and handled such personal business as the purchase of the Nixon estate at San Clemente."

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Kalmbach was an associate chairman of the Nixon re-election committee until his resignation on April 7, the Post said.