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MacGregor Alleges Aides to McGovern Spied on Opponents

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—
Clark MacGregor, President
Nixon's campaign manager, cit-
ing an unidentified "highly re-
liable source in the press," said
today that Senator George Mc-
Govern's organization had stol-
en mailing lists and spied on
Democratic primary opponents
and on the Nixon campaign.

Mr. MacGregor, in a state-
ment released by the Commit-
tee for the Re-election of the
President, said that his source
had told him of learning about
the alleged spying from Rich-
ard Dougherty, Mr. McGovern's
press secretary.

The "highly reliable source,"
the statement said, told the
Nixon re-election committee
that Mr. Dougherty "brags
about the spies Senator Mc-
Govern has planted not only
within the Nixon campaign but
who also infiltrated Senator
Humphrey's [primary] cam-
paign."

He cited a story that he said
appeared in The Atlanta Con-
stitution in August that "indi-
cates that a team of from 15
to 100 spies" had been assem-
bled by Mr. McGovern to "try
to dig up damaging background
information on key members of
the Nixon Administration."

At Senator McGovern's na-
tional campaign headquarters,
a press spokesman, Kirby Jones,
quoted Mr. Dougherty as say-
ing, "The charge is outrageous,
preposterous and never hap-
pened." Mr. Dougherty, Mr.
Jones said, never had such a
conversation with anyone.

The charge regarding the
stolen mailing lists was based
on a story in The Lancaster,
(Pa.) New Era earlier this
month that reported, Mr. Mac-
Gregor's statement said, that
"the McGovern campaign in
Pennsylvania Department of
Agriculture."

Mr. MacGregor concluded the
press has lavished on the Mc-
Govern charges."

No continuation