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NEW YORK AP - Time magazine reported Sunday that Justice Department files showed Jeb Stuart Magruder, a deputy director of the Committee to Re-elect the President, was the man who authorized the expenditures for wiretapping Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate complex last June. The magazine reported Justice Department attorneys said Magruder had approved the use of up to \$250,000 for what they called "political intelligence operations." Time said it was not known whether all the money was spent.

In Washington, a spokesman for the committee again denied that any of its officers had any involvement in the Watergate incident. Time said it had been told by Justice Department officials that Magruder hired another former White House aide, G. Gordon Liddy, to head the intelligence operation and authorized him to spend the money.

The magazine said that Hugh Sloan, at that time treasurer of the committee, took the cash from Maurice Stans' safe and gave it to Liddy.

Stans, a former Secretary of Commerce, is finance chairman of the committee.

The Justice Department, according to Time, said Magruder told investigators he thought the intelligence money was to be used to get information about radicals and antiwar protestors who might try to disrupt the Republican convention.

The magazine said he denied authorizing funds for any illegal activity.

Magruder, a business executive from Santa Monica, Calif., co-ordinated President Nixon's 1968 campaign in the Los Angeles area. He joined the White House staff as an assistant to H. R. Haldeman, the President's chief of staff, and later joined the staff of Herbert Klein, Nixon's director of communications.

Time said Haldeman moved Magruder to have him keep an eye on Klein.

Powell Moore, spokesman for the Nixon committee, said in Washington, "Our response to the Time magazine article is to restate that no one in authority at the Committee to Re-elect the President, including Jeb Magruder and Bart Porter, approved, authorized or had any prior knowledge of the break-in at the Watergate or any other illegal activities."

Liddy was fired June 28 when he refused to answer FBI questions about Watergate and Sloan has left the committee.

Newsweek reported that an Indianapolis man was paid at least \$2,000 to disrupt the primary campaign of Sen. Edmund Muskie, D-Maine.

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NEW YORK AP - Newsweek says in its current issue that an Indianapolis man was paid at least \$2,000 to disrupt the Indiana primary campaign of Sen. Edmund Muskie.

The magazine identifies the man as Charles Szihlik, 24, now a deputy state Republican chairman in Indiana.

It says Donald H. Segretti, allegedly directing a GOP effort to sabotage Democratic candidates, recruited Szihlik and told him the idea was "to swing the convention to McGovern ... to literally destroy strong candidates like Muskie."

Segretti, a lawyer, has been identified in published reports as working with White House aides to recruit operatives for the reported sabotage scheme.

Segretti used the name "Don Simmons," Newsweek says, but Szihlik now recognizes his contact as Segretti from photographs.

Indiana State Republican Party Chairman James Neal was not available for comment on the story, but a state party secretary, Lorraine McCormick, said a Charles Svihlik worked for the party for about a month two years ago.

Former State GOP Chairman Buena Chaney and vice chairman Esther Guthridge, however, denied ever knowing of a person by that name.

Mrs. McCormick said the spelling of the man who worked for the party two years ago was Svihlik, not Szihlik as in the magazine article.

According to the account, Szihlik was first approached last February. He was reportedly told to recruit friends and told that money was unlimited.

The magazine says Szihlik and helpers distributed phony posters sent by "Simmons," declaring "A vote for Muskie is a vote for busing" in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin during their primaries.

Szihlik collected \$2,000 but dropped out of further participation after developing doubts about his activities, Newsweek says.

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