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LOS ANGELES AP - Significant new developments in the Watergate bugging case are imminent but can't be divulged yet, says Sen. George S. McGovern's national campaign director.

Lawrence F. O'Brien told newsmen Saturday he could not go into details but referred to the investigation as the Republican "corruption, sabotage and espionage" case and said it had assumed proportions "bordering on a police state in this country."

Five men were arrested in Democratic national headquarters earlier this year and accused of attempting to install electronic eavesdropping equipment in O'Brien's office. He was the party's national chairman before becoming McGovern's campaign director.

O'Brien also called on President Nixon to disclose the financial arrangements by which he obtained the Western White House in San Clemente, Calif.

"Someone has borrowed \$1 million to pay off the original promissory note and has put up the entire property as collateral," he said.

"Mr. Nixon's role in this transaction is shrouded in mystery. Did he borrow \$1 million to pay off the sellers? If so, from whom?"

He said title to the 22-acre estate is held by a subsidiary of a company headed by Rocco C. Siciliano, former under-secretary of commerce and the only business member of the federal Pay Board.