

Suspect In Censorship Plan

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — A Democratic Congressman says he has discovered that James McCord Jr., one of seven men arrested in the Watergate bugging case, took part in the drafting of a secret government contingency blueprint for imposing national censorship.

Rep. William Moorhead of Pennsylvania said yesterday the clandestine plan, which he obtained and studied, could be instituted by the president during a limited war such as the Vietnam conflict as well as a "general war."

'National Watchlist'

According to Moorhead, the national censorship plan details steps to be taken for opening mail, monitoring broadcasts and questioning travelers entering the country.

He said McCord partici-

pated in the drafting of a "national watchlist" as part of the censorship plan.

"I fear that this national watchlist may ... include the names of questionable individuals such as those collected during Army surveillance activities, and also collect similar types of information about American citizens," Moorhead said.

He said McCord, the former security chief for President Nixon's re-election committee, was until early this year an Air Force reserve officer assigned to an Office of Emergency Preparedness group that meets monthly to work out censorship plans.

'Political Reprisal'

"When men like James McCord are involved in political espionage and also are responsible for the official collection of information

through a censorship system, I have no doubt that the national watchlist will pinpoint individuals slated for political reprisal," Moorhead said.

Moorhead, chairman of the House foreign operations and government information subcommittee, cited a section of the plan that states:

"The contingencies to be considered in any emergency within the federal government are many and varied. In planning for national censorship, it is necessary to consider only those contingencies or situations wherein the national security may require imposition of such censorship. Generally stated these are: (A) general war; (B) limited war, or conflicts of the 'brush fire' type, in which United States forces are involved elsewhere in the world on land, sea or in the air."