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LOS ANGELES AP - Donald H. Segretti, who dropped out of sight when the news media began linking him to alleged attempts to harass and disrupt Democratic campaigns, is back in his \$240-a-month apartment. His \$6,000 Mercedes coupe is again parked in a garage below the apartment.

The Los Angeles attorney is considering telling his side of the story, but not for a while, according to a Los Angeles Times newsman.

Segretti shed no light on the mystery surrounding news reports of political espionage during the presidential campaign in two conversations with a Los Angeles Times newsman last week.

Segretti's answer to whether he had been in contact with administration officials since his return to his Marina Del Rey apartment and other similar questions:

"I'll have no comment on that."

Segretti, 31, returned to the apartment Nov. 10.

News reports published Oct. 10 and thereafter told of at least six persons who said Segretti had tried to recruit them as undercover agents to disrupt Democratic primary campaigns and collect information the candidates for the Republican party.

Segretti couldn't be reached then for comment on the reports.

Time magazine, citing information in Justice Department files, reported that Herbert W. Kalmbach, a close associate of President Nixon, paid Segretti more than \$35,000.

Telephone records linked Segretti's name to telephone calls to the White House, the home of Nixon's appointments secretary, Dwight L. Chapin, and the unlisted office phone of E. Howard Hunt Jr., one of the seven Watergate bugging defendants. The calls were made from Segretti's phone or billed to his credit card.

In conversations last Monday and Friday, Segretti told a reporter he would consider telling his story in tape-recorded interviews. But he said he would not decide for some time.

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