

Watergate Eavesdropper Listed GOP Miami Office

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An apartment rented by President Nixon's re-election committee in Miami is listed in the address book of Bernard L. Barker, one of the men who pleaded guilty in the Watergate bugging trial Monday.

The address book, introduced as evidence in the trial lists a two-bedroom apartment and phone number in the Octagon Tower apartments, 1881 Washington Ave., Miami Beach.

Three of the men indicted with Barker worked for either the White House or the Committee for the Re-election of the President—both of which have denied any role in the bugging. The entry in the address book is the first indication that Barker may have direct contact with other officials working in the President's re-election campaign.

The apartment manager said Wednesday night that the apartment was rented as a clerical office to Steven D. Nostrand, 27, of the Republican Convention staff.

Nostrand was in charge of arrangements for young supporters of the President attending the party's national convention last summer. He is listed on the official payroll of the Committee for Re-election of the President as a member of the convention staff.

Spokesmen for three Miami area colleges have said that two of the other Watergate defendants—Eugenio R. Martinez and Frank A. Sturgis—sought convention housing for nearly 3,500 Young Republicans last spring.

Nostrand could not be

reached for comment, but last June he said he knew nothing of attempts by the two men to find convention housing for young supporters of the President or Young Republicans.

Powell Moore, formerly a spokesman for the Committee for the Re-election of the President and now a member of the Inaugural Committee staff, said Wednesday night he did not "have the slightest idea" why the address and phone number of Nostrand's office would be in Barker's address book.

Barker's address book also contained the following entry:

"Lawrence O'Brien, Sonesta Hotel, Gulf Stream Suite, Key Biscayne Pt., Feb. 21-22-23, Warren, Airport Inn, 34303."

The chief prosecutor in the Watergate case said last week that Lawrence E. O'Brien, the former chairman of the National Democratic Committee, was a primary target of the spying operation allegedly conducted by the seven men indicted in the case.

An official at the Miami Sonesta Hotel said that O'Brien was not at the hotel from Feb. 21 to 23, but that other Democratic Party officials stayed in the hotel's Gulf Stream suite on those dates.

Warren is the alias used by former White House aide E. Howard Hunt Jr., who pleaded guilty in the Watergate case last week, court records show. The Miami Airport Inn is about 30 minutes drive from the Sonesta hotel.

The night manager at the Airport Inn said Wednesday night that he could not obtain the records to see if there was a person named Warren registered there during those dates.

It is known that Hunt, using

the alias Edward J. Warren, stayed at the Dupont Plaza Hotel in Miami 10 days earlier from Feb. 11 to 13.

A pop-up address book belonging to Eugenio R. Martinez, another Watergate defendant, has the name and address of the man in charge of electrical and telephone arrangements at the Miami hotel used by the Democrats during their National Convention in August.

Martinez' address book was introduced into evidence at the trial Wednesday. The entry is: "Fernando Madrigal, 1202 NW 31st Ave., Fountainbleau Hotel, 649-1007."

Madrigal, 32, was reached at his home by telephone and said that he is the assistant chief engineer for the Fountainbleau Hotel. He said that he does not know Martinez and does not have any knowledge of the Watergate case.

Madrigal said that he is in charge of everything "from electricity to plumbing," and specifically worked with the electrical contractors handling the conventions for both political parties. The Fountainbleau Hotel was the headquarters for both Democrats and Republicans at their Miami conventions last summer.

Though Madrigal's name is clearly listed in the address book, which has been in the hands of the FBI for six months, Madrigal said that he has never been questioned by the FBI or any law enforcement officials about the matter.