

Seven-Man Panel

Senate Watergate Probers Named

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Seven senators, all lawyers, were named yesterday to the Senate's select committee to investigate the Watergate bugging and allegations of related political espionage.

The Senate Democratic leadership named four members—Senators Sam J. Ervin Jr. (North Carolina), as chairman of the committee, Joseph M. Montoya (New Mexico), Herman

E. Talmadge (Georgia) and Daniel K. Inouye (Hawaii).

The Republican leadership named the other three — Senators Howard H. Baker (Tennessee), Edward J. Gurney (Florida) and Lowell P. Weicker Jr. (Connecticut).

Baker, 47, the ranking minority member on the committee, said, "It will be a matter of days, not weeks, before we begin our operations."

Baker will oversee Republican interests in the investigation that now seems almost certain to involve some former and present aides to President Nixon.

Baker told reporters yesterday that he favors "a full, thorough and fair investigation with no holds barred, let the chips fall where they will."

Baker said he accepted the ranking GOP role "with the assumption that the in-

vestigation will be fair, thorough, full and impartial."

Baker added that he expected the "full cooperation" of the White House, the Justice Department and other federal departments and agencies. The resolution establishing the committee grants it the power to subpoena any person or information from the executive branch, including the White House.

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