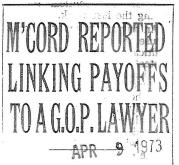
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Says He Believes Parkinson Sent Cash for Sileneing **Bugging** Defendants

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James W. McCord Jr. has told a Federal grand jury that he believes that Kenneth W. Parkinson, an attorney for the Committee for the Re-election of the President, channeled cash payments to the Watergate defendants in return for silence after their arrest inside Democratic headquarters last June 17, sources close to the case said today.

The sources said that Mc-Cord, one of seven men sentenced to prison for their role in the break-in, further testified that he believed that Mr. Parkinson was responsible for 'applying the pressure" on the defendants to plead guilty shortly before the trial began in January. Five of the seven did so plead and the two others were convicted.

McCord subsequently confirmed his testimony in a tele-phone interview with The New York Times, but refused to provide further details.

<sup>13</sup> Some Hearsay Evidence

The sources noted, however, that McCord had based much of his grand jury testimony on hearsay evidence. For example, they said, he acknowledged that his basic information about Mr. Parkinson's alleged role in funneling money and advice to the men had been told to him by Mrs. Dorothy Hunt, the de-ceased wife of a convicted Watergate participant, E. How-ard Hunt Jr. He named Mrs. Hunt as the conduit for the money.

Today's disclosure marked the first time that the name of Mr. Parkinson or that of any member or employe of the Republican re-election committee had been linked to the cash payments made to the Watergate defendants after their arrest, although the existence of such payments was reported three months ago. Mr. Parkinson, a member of the Washington law firm of Jackson, Gray & Laskey, cate-Continued on Page 26, Column 1

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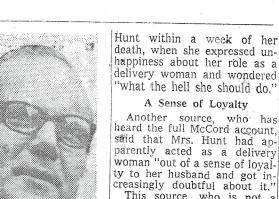
gorically denied making any cash payments to Mrs. Hunt.

"That's absolutely false," he raid, during a telephone inter-view. "I've never met Mr. Hunt or Mrs. Hunt and I've never met any of the other defend-ants. I've never handled any money myself."

The lawyer said that he had not been connected with the Republican re-election campaign after the Watergate break-in, when he was retained to repre-sent the Republicans in a civil lawsuit filed by Lawrence F. O'Brien, then chairman of the Democratic National Commit-

## Source Unidentified

A number of Justice Department sources, however, con-firmed that McCord had named Mr. Parkinson along with other Republican officials in his grand asked about the reported pay-offs, said, "I'm not so sure he's wrong."



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Kenneth W. Parkinson

ty to her husband and got in-creasingly doubtful about it." This source, who is not a Government official, said that

Government official, said that the payments—at one time re-ported to be \$1,000 a month to the four defendants living in the Miami area—were meant to "keep them quiet." "What else would they be paying them for?" the source asked rhetorically. "They weren't performing any activi-ties for which they were being paid." He suggested that the grand

paid." He suggested that the grand jury might now begin asking officials of the Committee for the Re-election of the President to report what payments were made to the defendants after. June 17 and also inquire for what reason

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