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McCord Leads FBI to 'Stashed' Bugging Gear

James W. McCord Jr. led FBI agents to four places in Maryland to recover electronic bugging equipment he had "stashed away" while he was out on bond after the Watergate arrests, his attorney said yesterday.

McCord, convicted of conspiracy, wiretapping and burglary in last year's break-in of Democratic party headquarters, "went out with FBI agents and re-covered it yesterday," said attorney Bernard W. Fensterwald.

The equipment had been bought with money from the Committee for the Re-elec-

tion of the President, Fensterwald said.

It was to be put in the campaign offices of Senator George S. McGovern and at Democratic convention headquarters in Miami, according to statements
McCord has given the FBI, to statements the Los Angeles Times said yesterday.

There had been reports that McCord had buried the equipment. "Buried is not the word," Fensterwald said. "He stashed it somewhere. He's an experienced agent. He knows how to do it."

McCord, who completed his testimony before the grand jury earlier in the

week, had been asked by investigagors whether there was electronic gear other than that recovered at the time of the Watergate break-in, Fensterwald said. "He volunteered that there was other stuff," the lawyer added. "He stashed it sometime after the Watergate. He does anything he is asked to do to cooperate with the U.S. and you can quote me on that."

McCord is to be sentenced June 15 by Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica, who made it clear that the severity of the sentence depends on McCord's cooperation with investigative bod-Associated Press