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A Washington lawyer has just added another bizarre chapter to the Watergate case. Daniel Schorr reports from Washington.

Schorr: It sounds strange, but so does everything in the Watergate case. Attorney Peter Wolfe today filed a motion with federal district court saying that an unnamed client of his, employed by the Nixon campaign organization, concealed all through the summer eight cartons of documents, including Watergate bugging plans, some of the contents of the safe of convicted conspirator Howard Hunt, and lists of anonymous campaign contributors, then returned them to the campaign committee at the end of the summer. Now Wolfe says he's afraid of being cited for contempt for refusing to identify his client.

Wolfe [voice]: I cannot say who my client is, consistent with my professional ethics, unless I am ordered to do so by a court, by a judge, after full consideration of the lawyer-client privilege in this case, and whether it applies.

Schorr: Wolfe said he is being threatened with contempt action by the federal prosecutor's office. That the prosecutor's office denies.

Edwards: Prosecutor Earl Silbert says it is preposterous to believe that information of this magnitude - as outlined by attorney Wolfe - has been withheld.

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