

McCord Sues the Nixon Committee

Washington

Watergate conspirator James W. McCord Jr. sued President Nixon's campaign committee for \$1.5 million yesterday, charging that he was "hired, directed and controlled" by former White House aide Jeb Stuart Magruder and fellow conspirator G. Gordon Liddy.

In a cross-complaint to the Democrats' \$6.4 million civil damage suit against the Watergate conspirators and the re-election committee, McCord also charged that all his actions as the committee's security coordinator had the advance knowledge and approval of Maurice H. Stans and Hugh W. Sloan Jr.

Stans, former Commerce secretary, was Mr. Nixon's chief fund raiser during the 1972 campaign. Sloan resigned as campaign treasurer after the arrests of McCord and four other men inside Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate last June 17.

In his suit, McCord said the defendants — the re-election committee, Magruder, Liddy and Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt Jr. — had damaged his reputation and caused him "intense mental anguish."

McCord's action apparently was intended to force the case to go to trial and end Republican officials' attempts to reach an out-of-court settlement.

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