

WATERGATE DATA REPORTEDLY SENT TO WHITE HOUSE

Aides There Said to Have
Got an Edited Version of
'Tap' in May and June

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OFFICIALS NOT NAMED

Nixon Met Last Week for
Hour With Ehrlichman's
and Haldeman's Lawyer

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WASHINGTON, April 24 —

Federal investigators have determined that officials of the White House were regularly kept informed last May and June of some of the information obtained through the illegal wiretapping of the Democratic National Committee headquarters, sources close to the case said today.

They said that the typed reports of the overheard conversations, which were prepared by a secretary working at the Committee for the Re-election of the President, were not transmitted to the White House.

Instead, the sources said, a committee official apparently edited, in effect, the typed report to send only the most significant political information to the White House.

It could not be immediately learned who received the documents, nor was it known which member of the re-election committee staff processed the material.

White House Link New

In another development, the White House disclosed today that President Nixon met for an hour last Thursday with John J. Wilson, the Washington lawyer who is representing H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, both of them Presidential advisers, in connection with the Watergate scandal. The White House would not comment on the substance of the meeting.

The existence of the wiretap reports among high officials of the re-election committee had been previously reported, but until today there had been no indication that any of that information was passed on to White House officials and political operations there.

Three Kept Contact

It is known that at least three White House aides maintained regular contact with the re-election committee during the last campaign. They were Mr. Haldeman, Mr. Nixon's chief of staff; Charles W. Colson, special counsel to the President and one of the leading political strategists, and Ken. W. Clawson, the deputy director of communications for the executive branch who reported to Mr. Colson.

Mr. Clawson's main responsibility late in the campaign was to control the operations in which various major Republican figures, known as "surrogates," traveled around the country making speeches on the President's behalf.

Mr. Colson supervised, among many other responsibilities, the efforts to attract blue-collar and ethnic voters.

Mr. Haldeman generally served as the link on all mat-

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ters of substance between the committee and the President.

It was not immediately known whether the reported White House recipients of the wiretap information were fully aware of its origin. Sources said that the documents contained highly confidential information about Democratic planning for their national convention in Miami Beach, as well as details on delegate selection.

In an interview last October, Alfred C. Baldwin 3d, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation official who worked for the Watergate bugging team, described dozens of hours in a Howard Johnson's motel across the street from the Democratic headquarters monitoring telephone conversations there.

Prepared Typed Logs

Mr. Baldwin said he had prepared a typed log containing salient information from the telephone tap. The log would be picked up by his superior, James W. McCord Jr., another member of the Watergate team, "once or twice a day." The logs, which often ran six pages in length, he said, were then summarized by McCord, who began by writing that "a confidential source reports . . ."

Such language is normally used by the investigating agencies of the Government to describe information obtained by wiretaps. For purposes of concealing the illegal source of the information, the words "wire-

tap" or "bugging" are customarily not used.

The memos and logs that resulted from the wiretaps were handled with great care in the Republican re-election committee, sources said, under the code name "Gemstone."

In grand jury testimony published last week by Jack Anderson, the syndicated columnist, Sally Harmony, a secretary for G. Gordon Liddy, the head of the Watergate team, was quoted as testifying that she had typed up reports on the conversations of Democratic party officials.

Code Printed on Top

She testified, according to Mr. Anderson's column, that she used secret special stationery for the retyping job that had the word "Gemstone" printed on top.

McCord, whose decision to turn state's evidence last month was a major factor in initiating the mushrooming White House scandal, reportedly told the Senate Watergate investigating committee earlier this month that he was convinced that at least one copy of the neatly retyped wiretap logs went to the office of John N. Mitchell. The former Attorney General was in charge of President Nixon's re-election campaign during the three weeks—from late May to June 17—that the tap was in operation. Mr. Mitchell left the campaign two weeks after the Watergate team was arrested inside Democratic headquarters.