

**Marchetti, Ex-C.I.A. Aide,
Denies McCord Testimony**

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WASHINGTON, May 23 (UPI) — Victor Marchetti, a former deputy in the Central Intelligence Agency, said yesterday he had never been approached and asked to help blame the C.I.A. for Watergate.

James W. McCord Jr., a convicted Watergate conspirator, testified yesterday that White House aides had approached him with an offer to attribute the bugging to the C.I.A. Mr. Marchetti was to be available, Mr. McCord said, to testify about how C.I.A. agents were trained to invoke the concept of "plausible deniability."

"Even though I am a critic of the agency, I would never involve myself in such a cover-up," Mr. Marchetti said. "I never was approached and I would never stand by and see the agency take a bum charge by people guilty of greater evils."

He defined "plausible deniability" as the procedure that permits a Government agency to deny involvement in an operation in which the participants may have been caught or the operation in some way exposed or compromised.