

C.I.A. Reportedly Asked F.B.I. Not to Question 2 on Watergate

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Central Intelligence Agency officials asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation last June not to interview two C.I.A. employees in connection with the Watergate case for fear that they would be exposed, Justice Department sources said today.

However, the sources labeled as incorrect a report in today's Chicago Tribune that the two individuals named by the C.I.A. were Kenneth H. Dahlberg, a Minnesota industrialist and Republican party fund-raiser, and Manuel Ogarrio, a Mexico City lawyer.

Both Mr. Dahlberg and Mr. Ogarrio, who the sources said had no C.I.A. connections, provided money to President Nixon's re-election campaign that was later used to finance the Watergate bugging effort.

Mr. Dahlberg's contribution was a \$25,000 check that was eventually deposited in a Florida bank account controlled by Bernard L. Barker, one of the five who pleaded guilty in connection with the bugging.

Mr. Ogarrio served as a "laundry" for \$89,000 in campaign funds collected by Republican fund-raisers in Texas. The money was passed through his Mexico City bank account, so that there source would not be recorded and then converted into four checks, which were delivered to the Nixon campaign headquarters here. They, too, eventually ended up in Barker's bank account.

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Barker later returned about \$112,000 in cash to the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, money that Federal investigators have said was put into a large cash fund used in part to finance the illegal wire-tapping operation.

The two C.I.A. employees who the intelligence agency asked the F.B.I. not to disturb are referred to, but not named in an internal F.B.I. memorandum written last March. The document was prepared after L. Patrick Gray 3d, the bureau's former acting director, asked for a check on whether F.B.I. agents investigating Watergate were prevented from pursuing any leads in the case.

A copy of the memorandum obtained by The New York Times states that a survey of F.B.I. agents supervising the Watergate investigation had determined that "in all instances the answer was an unequivocal no," except for the C.I.A.'s request that its two agents not be interviewed.