

## Charges of Sabotage in Jet Crash

Washington

Legal researcher Sherman Skolnick, relying heavily on the transcript of a federal hearing, repeated yesterday his allegations of an elaborate scheme to link the Watergate affair to the crash of a United Air Lines jetliner.

Skolnick was a witness at a special session of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The board conducted hearings in February and March

into the December 8 crash of a United jet at Midway Airport in Chicago, but Skolnick was not allowed to testify then because the board said he did not offer proof of the sabotage charges.

Skolnick testified for two hours yesterday.

He contended the motive for the crash was linked to 12 passengers whom he said were directly connected to Watergate. One of the 45 fatalities was Mrs. E. Howard Hunt, wife of a Watergate conspirator.

Skolnick displayed several charts and said they revealed a coverup of the crash investigation. He said the control towers at Midway and O'Hare International Airport erred in guiding the United jet to its destination.

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