

GOP Units Sued Over Phone Tap

Democratic Party official R. Spencer Oliver, on whose phone at the Democratic National Headquarters a wiretap was discovered, filed a \$5 million lawsuit yesterday against Nixon re-election campaign officials and others allegedly tied to the Watergate break-in.

The invasion of privacy and illegal wiretapping suit claims that the wiretapping and its aftermath have subjected Oliver to "total interruption of his normal daily activity, (through) ongoing questioning by law enforcement agencies and various and sundry investigative bodies."

The suit further claims that Oliver has been subjected to:

- Suggestions of complicity and collusion of the break-in itself.
- "Ugly innuendo" regarding the tapped telephone conversations themselves.
- Suggestions and accusations that he had his own telephone bugged.
- An unfortunate, conscious or unconscious, effort by many of his peers to disassociate themselves from him because of his innocent connection with the Watergate affair."

Among the defendants named in yesterday's suit are the Nixon campaign committee, the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, former Cabinet members John N. Mitchell and Maurice Stans, the original seven Watergate defendants, former Nixon campaign official Jeb Stuart Magruder, and former White House counsel John W. Dean III.
