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As the name of Nelson Rockefeller is being mentioned as a possible vice-presidential nominee, a story has cropped up in recent days claiming Rockefeller has been linked to an attempt to disrupt the 1972 Democratic national convention. Rockefeller supporters have vigorously denied the story and say it came from right-wing lawyer Hamilton Long. Long says he based his information on one man, and that man is sticking by his story. Connie Chung reports.

Connie Chung: The informant, Harold O'Brien, told CBS News he still believes the mysterious Howard Hunt Watergate papers were not destroyed and are still intact. O'Brien is a close friend of Roy Sheppard, the Washington attorney who originally possessed the documents. O'Brien said Sheppard claims he went with others to the Democratic convention in 1972, a clandestine trip allegedly bankrolled by Rockefeller.

Sheppard told O'Brien that Rockefeller's financial involvement is documented in the papers and that the papers were stored in a safe deposit box in a bank in Pulaski, Virginia. Since the special prosecutor's office could not find the documents, O'Brien claims they must have been moved. A source in the special prosecutor's office still stands by the White House statement that O'Brien's claims are without merit and the matter is closed.

Connie Chung, CBS News, Washington.

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