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Watergate: Drip, Drip

"Major leaks still continue" at the Watergate, according to a civil action filed Monday at U. S. District Court.

An attorney who identified herself as "a source close to the plaintiff" said "these leaks are in the roof" of the cooperative apartment building at 2500 Virginia Ave. NW known as Watergate East.

The building is next door to the Watergate Office Building, scene of last year's burglary of the Democratic National Committee.

Watergate East, Inc., is seeking \$500,000 in damages from Universal Restoration, Inc., of 1010 Vermont Ave. NW. The petitioners contend that they have been trying unsuccessfully since May 2, 1969, to get the roof fixed on the luxury apartment building.

The petition said that the leaking roof was "one of many defects in construction." The corporation said that since it bought the building from the developer, it has paid \$226,050, all but \$3,000 of it to Universal, in efforts to find and fix "other possible sources of leaks." But "the plaintiff continues to have a leaking roof."

Universal officials could not be reached for comment.