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**BAR TO F.B.I. ROLE
ALLEGED BY M'CORD**

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—James M. McCord says the Justice Department blocked the Federal Bureau of Investigation from searching the homes and autos of Watergate defendants shortly after the breakin on June 17, 1972. Such searches, he contends, would have enabled agents to break the case quickly.

McCord said that at the time of his arrest he had in his residence \$18,000 in \$100 bills and other evidence that would have led directly to top officials in President Nixon's election campaign.

He commented in the first of a three-part copyrighted series of articles published in the August edition of Armed Forces Journal, a privately published magazine aimed at a military audience.

The convicted Watergate burglar is a former Air Force officer and a former agent for both the F.B.I. and Central Intelligence Agency.

McCord wrote that senior F.B.I. officials had been turned down by the Justice Department when they sought war-evidence in the possession of Watergate defendants.

In his residence, he said, agents would have found electronic equipment related to the Watergate operation, \$18,000 in left-over funds, private copies of wiretap logs and "some pencilled notes from January and February, 1972, mentioning not only John Mitchell's name but the names of John Dean and Jeb Magruder as meeting with Mitchell during those early 1972 months to discuss the Watergate break-in."