

Weicker Visits Watergate Cubans

Washington

Senator Lowell P. Weicker Jr. (Rep-Conn.), a member of the Senate Watergate committee, held a lengthy meeting at a federal prison this week with four convicted Watergate conspirators, Weicker's office said yesterday.

The six-hour meeting Monday between Weicker and the so-called "Forgotten Four" was arranged at the request of the men, who are serving provisional 40-year maximum sentences at the Federal Corrections Facility at Danbury, Conn., a Weicker aide said.

The spokesman said it could be assumed that the four inmates — Bernard L. Barker, Frank A. Sturgis, Virgilio R. Gonzalez and Eugenio R. Martinez — had sought Weicker's advice and aid.

The four — all from the Miami area and with strong ties to Cuba — were arrest-

ed inside Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate complex June 17, 1972, along with James W. McCord Jr., the former security chief of President Nixon's reelection campaign.

Barker was recruited for Watergate by former White House staffer E. Howard Hunt Jr. Barker, in turn, recruited the other three Miami men.

McCord and G. Gordon Liddy were convicted in the break-in after Hunt and the four Cuban sympathizers pleaded guilty January 15 to conspiracy, burglary, bugging and wiretapping.

A Weicker aide said Barker's daughter, Mariz Moffitt, had called the Senator's office last week asking if Weicker would meet with her father and the other men at Danbury. The visit was arranged for Monday, cleared in advance with prison authorities.

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