

# The Futility Of Spying on McGovern



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LUCIANNE GOLDBERG  
'The really dirty stuff'

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A journalist who says she spied for the Republicans on Senator George McGovern's presidential campaign said yesterday she doubted that her information was of much use.

"I don't think I told them anything that wasn't in the papers the next day," Lucianne Cummings Goldberg said. "I don't think I was a very good spy."

Mrs. Goldberg, 38, was on leave of absence from the Women's News Service, a feature agency, to cover McGovern's Democratic presidential campaign last fall, she earlier had told the Washington Star-News. She said she was paid \$1000 a week for her services by Murray M. Chotiner, a long-time political operative for President Nixon.

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"They were looking for really dirty stuff," Mrs. Goldberg told the Washington paper. "Who was sleeping with whom, what the Secret Service men were doing with the stewardesses, who was smoking pot on the plane — that sort of thing. I was told to send it all along."

Reached in Newport Beach, Chotiner confirmed yesterday he employed Mrs. Goldberg to provide daily reports of the Democratic candidate's activities.

Chotiner denied he had asked her to get the "really dirty stuff."

"I couldn't care less about that sort of thing," he said.

Mrs. Goldberg downgraded the significance of her reports. "I think it probably went right into the wastebasket," she said. "They probably got more out of the morning papers than they got from me."

The Star-News quoted Mrs. Goldberg as saying she was told "Nixon himself had approved it and turned to his old dirty tricks expert to carry it out."

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McGovern said in Washington that he could not remember Mrs. Goldberg. "I have no reason to doubt the story, but I can't place her," he said.

The South Dakota senator, asked if he was surprised by the disclosure of her role, replied, "No, we have had previous reports about spies planted in our headquarters."

Mrs. Goldberg said she was carried on the payroll of Chotiner's Washington law firm and thus her name did not appear in financial reports made public by the Committee for the Re-Election of the President.

"When I was offered the job," she said, "I said I would only do it if I could do a book about it."

She quoted Chotiner as telling her, "Go ahead, but do it after election day." Mrs. Goldberg said she told reporters traveling with McGovern she was along to write a book about the campaign.

Mrs. Goldberg said she was given two telephone numbers, one for days and one for nights, to call with the results of her intelligence-gathering.

The night number reached a secretary who typed up her information, she said, and then dispatched it to downtown Washington by a courier driving a White House car.

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