

Chotiner Confirms He Retained A Writer to Spy on McGovern

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Aug. 19 (UPI)—Murray M. Chotiner, a former political adviser to President Nixon, confirmed today that he employed a free lance writer to join Senator George McGovern's campaign last year and provide daily reports of the activities of the Democratic Presidential candidate.

Mr. Chotiner denied that he had asked the writer, Mrs. Lucianne Cummings Goldberg of Manhattan, to get the "really dirty stuff," as reported today in The Washington Star-News.

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

The Star-News quoted Mrs. Goldberg as saying that she had been asked to find out "who was sleeping with who, what the Secret Service men were doing with the stewardesses, who was smoking pot on the plane—that sort of thing."

Reached at his home, Mr. Chotiner said:

"I have seen the story. It is grossly exaggerated and parts of it are the figments of someone's imagination.

"Part of it is true. It is good campaign practice to have someone travel with the opposition candidate, to report on the size of the crowds, the re-



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actions of the crowds, what the candidate says and to interview the people he is traveling with," Mr. Chotiner said.

He confirmed that he had engaged Mrs. Goldberg, that she had been paid \$1,000 a week and that she had telephoned her reports to his secretary, who typed them up and gave them to Mr. Chotiner.