## A Spy for the GOP Says His Job Was Easy

Washington

A youthful Republican spy testified yesterday it was so easy to infiltrate Democratic camps that he wound up watching television with George S. McGovern at the 1972 Democratic national convention.

Michael W. McMinoway, appearing before the Senate Watergate committee, said he worked so hard and so well as a volunteer for three Democratic presidential hopefuls that no one ever suspected he was a registered Republican planted to

gather political intelligence.
"I was never challenged at all," McMinoway said.
"They were damn happy to get a volunteer."

## STORY

McMinoway, 27, of Louisville, Ky., said he was hired

in February, 1972, by a man he knew as "Jason Ranier" and asked to infiltrate the organizations of various Democrats to pick up campaign secrets on behalf of "a group of concerned citizens interested in the outcome of the presidential race.

He said he was paid \$5808.10 for his work over a four-month period and although he "suspected at the time" that his backers were Republicans he did not know for sure until this year.

The committee identified "Jason Ranier" as Roger Stone, an assistant to Nixon campaign official Herbert L. Porter Jr. Porter testified to the committee last spring that he furnished Stone about \$6000 for an agent named McMinoway.

## DETAILS

McMinoway detailed how he volunteered to work in

the campaigns of McGovern, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey and Senator Edmund S. Muskie.

During the Democratic convention, he said, he was hired as a security guard for McGovern's command post in the Doral Hotel, with only a minimal check by the Secret Service.

"I spent an evening in McGovern's suite watching on TV the (convention) vote on the California delegate challenge," he said. "I had become recognizable to the candidate himself and I had had several chats with him."

All the while he was working actively on behalf of a Democratic candidate, McMinoway said, he was telephoning daiy reports to Stone in Washington about



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MICHAEL McMINOWAY
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the candidate's schedule, positions and other "inside" information.

Another witness, former McGovern campaign worker Frederick J. Taughner, testified that he had let peace activists use telephones at McGovern's Los Angeles headquarters to summon demonstrators to picket President Nixon's appearance at the Century Plaza Hotel there on Sept. 27, 1972.

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