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**McCord Says Silbert Supplied
Minutes of Jury to White House**

WASHINGTON May 1 (UPI) — James W. McCord, convicted Watergate conspirator, charged today that Earl J. Silbert had supplied the White House with minutes of grand the original Watergate defendants.

Mr. Silbert, who as an assistant United States attorney obtained the indictments against Mr. McCord and six others, has been nominated by President Nixon to become United State Attorney for the District of Columbia.

Mr. McCord testified before a Senate Judiciary Committee that is considering the nomination that a transcript of a March 21, 1973, conversation between Nixon and John Dean 3d — as made public by Mr. Nixon yesterday — shows Mr. Dean saying he was "fully aware of what the grand jury was doing."

Mr. McCord also said that Mrs. E. Howard Hunt Jr., wife of another Watergate defendant, had told him the Committee for the Re-election of the President had been filled in on how the prosecution intended to try the case.

He said Mrs. Hunt had been given the information by Paul O'Brien, an attorney for the committee.

"There was a complete circuit here, from the grand jury to Silbert to O'Brien and to the White House of grand jury minutes," Mr. McCord testified.

Senator Sam Ervin, Democrat of North Carolina, asked the committee to conduct an "in depth" investigation of the Justice Department's handling of the Watergate investigation be-



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Attorney in Washington.**

fore acting on the Silbert nomination.

Mr. Ervin, chairman of the Senate Watergate committee, is also a member of the Judiciary panel.