

Watergate Suit Settlement Blocked

The \$775,000 settlement of the Democratic National Committee's \$6.4 million suit against the 1972 Nixon re-election committee for the Watergate break-in has been blocked by Rep. Shirley Chisholm's refusal to say she won't sue independently.

Mrs. Chisholm (D-N.Y.) yesterday confirmed a story by Knight Newspapers that she will not sign a waiver requested of 11 Democratic presidential and vice presidential candidates in 1972 by the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

A spokesman for Mrs.

Chisholm said she intends to seek legal recourse against Donald Segretti, convicted as a political saboteur, for distribution of a phony news release during the 1972 primary campaign saying falsely that she once had been committed to a mental institution.

"I will not gratuitously acquit those who were responsible for intentionally launching the activities of saboteurs whose sordid crimes seriously damaged the public election process in 1972 and in my case caused intense personal humiliation," Mrs. Chisholm said.

She said anything she wins will go "for beneficial public purpose."

Robert E. Weiss, special litigation counsel for the Democratic National Committee, confirmed the waivers were being sought at the insistence of the Nixon re-election committee.

A total of 11 candidates have been asked to sign the waivers and Mrs. Chisholm has been the only one to respond, Weiss said. "It could jeopardize the settlement, but it would be premature for us to speculate," he said.