

Bit of Watergate To S.F. Break-In

A San Francisco political consultant underwent what appeared to be a minor Watergate-style burglary yesterday.

The office of Sanford L. Weiner, at 517 Washington street, was broken into at about 1:30 a.m. His files were rifled and strewn on the floor, his personal correspondence was gone through.

But the only things taken were an \$8 transistor radio, \$3.20 in petty cash and a box of golden darts Weiner's staff had given him to improve his darts game.

"They found the case of booze we have here," Weiner said, sounding wounded, "but they didn't take it. All they did was drink some vermouth—and out of paper cups, at that."

Weiner said his files contained campaign information on such former clients as San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto, Congressman Paul N. McClosky (Rep-Palo Alto), Democratic secretary of state nominee March K. Fong, and one of his present clients, Peter Bensinger, who is running for sheriff of Chicago against a hand-picked candidate of Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley.

"I'm trying not to be para-

noiac," Weiner said, "but I just finished reading 'All the President's Men.'"

Weiner said there are more than a dozen offices in the Washington street office building, but his was the only one hit.

"I have to figure they were looking for something, but I'm damned if I know what it was. I don't have as much information here as Larry O'Brien did in his (Watergate) office, and that wasn't very much either."

The burglar or burglars gained entry through a glass door on a second-floor balcony, cutting out one panel.

They touched off the burglar alarm by opening an inside door to a stairway after rifling the office, but were gone when police arrived.

"We had a lot of valuable stuff in here they could have taken," he said, "adding machines, typewriters, a TV set—stuff they could have carried away, but they didn't."

Viewing the detritus of the burglary, Weiner sighed:

"I wish someone had told me what they wanted. Hell, I would have given it to them."