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**Big Damage
Claim by
McCord**

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James W. McCord Jr., convicted Watergate burglar and former security chief for the Committee to Re-Elect the President, has claimed damages of \$1 million from the White House and \$1 million from the Justice Department.

In a 13-page memo addressed to the President and the attorney general and entitled "federal tort claims against the government," McCord claimed that his civil rights had been violated. The claim was contained in a 13-page memo, but was not filed as a court action.

It was dated August 14 and mailed to the White House.

McCord was the electronics expert on the team that broke into Democratic national offices in the Watergate complex June 17, 1972.

"That by deliberately withholding" Watergate evidence, McCord said, "President Richard Nixon committed extreme prejudice against McCord, denying him a fair trial, due process and equal protection of the law, and denying other constitutional and civil rights, privileges and immunities guaranteed him under the Constitution," McCord said.

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