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Claim Made By McCord Against U.S.

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James W. McCord Jr., convicted Watergate burglar and former security chief for the Committee for the Re-election of 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 the memo, but was not filed as a court action.

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

"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 was the electronics expert on the team that broke into Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate complex June 17, 1972. He was convicted in the original Watergate trial in January, 1973.