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Washington

The Washington home of Senator Howard H. Baker (Rep-Tenn.), a member of the Senate select committee on intelligence, was broken into and burglarized while he was out of town, metropolitan police reported yesterday.

Congressional sources hinted that the break-in may have been in connection with government documents and that they understood the FBI is investigating.

An FBI spokesman said the bureau had immediately entered the case but that Baker had told a field officer in Tennessee that no government property or documents were involved. Baker told the officer he had been informed by a staff member that apparently nothing of any value was taken, the spokesman said.

A metropolitan police spokesman said police were called to Baker's northwest Washington home early yesterday and that the house had been "burglarized and ransacked."

They said they did not know what, if anything, was taken because Baker and his wife are traveling in his home state of Tennessee and will have to make a survey.

Police said the break-in occurred between 3 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. yesterday.

Baker is one of five Republicans on the 11-man Senate panel

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which has been investigating intelligence activities since January and which has had access to secret and highly confidential information on a variety of matters during its closed hearings, especially concerning the CIA.

The congressional sources said they understood that \$40,000 in jewels, furs and other valuables were untouched by the intruders who also were reported to have broken into Baker's safe.

"It's a very mysterious breakin," the sources said.

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