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Watergater Blames CIA

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Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis said yesterday the CIA planned the break-in because high officials felt the then-President Nixon was becoming too powerful and was overly interested in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Sturgis also said he believes "Deep Throat" — a major source for Washington Post reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward — was Robert Bennett, a partner in a CIA-front public relations firm in Washington.

Bennett, a son of former Senator

Wallace Bennett (Rep-Utah), is employed by the Summa Corp., part of the empire of the late Howard Hughes. Hughes was a major client of Mullen Corp., Bennett's old firm.

Sturgis was convicted in the break-in at Democratic headquarters. He said Bennett — on orders from then-CIA Director Richard Helms — was fed information by General Alexander Haig, Nixon's chief of staff; Alexander Butterfield, who disclosed the existence of Nixon's taping system; and Watergate conspirator Howard Hunt.

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