

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ~~Mr. Bolt~~
FROM : C. W. Bates

DATE: June 22, 1972

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- Mrs. Neenan

SUBJECT: JAMES W. McCORD, JR., AND OTHERS
BURGLARY OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 6/17/72
INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

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DATE OF REVIEW 6/22/92

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY SLIP(S)
DATE 6/25/72

At 4:00 p.m. on 6/21/72, Mr. Felt, SAC Kunkel of WFO and I met with Mr. Gray on this case. We brought him up to date on all aspects. It was agreed that this was most important, that the FBI's reputation was at stake, and that the investigation should be completely impartial, thorough and complete. Several points were discussed and these have already been furnished to the field for handling, such as reinterview with McCuin to identify the Secret Service official, further details regarding the \$100 bills.

In answer to our question, Mr. Gray instructed as follows:
Hold up any dissemination of this information to Department or White House. Hold up electronic sweep. Hold up interviews of White House personnel.

SAC Kunkel broached the theory that this was in furtherance of the White House efforts to locate and identify "leaks." It was admitted this was a theory. Mr. Gray said we should, of course, consider this but not let it influence our complete investigation. I assured him the investigation was going full speed and that I would keep him briefed on any developments.

At Mr. Gray's request, SAC Kunkel and I met with him at 9:30 a.m., 6/22/72. He was brought up to date on developments overnight and was informed that all points he raised yesterday were being thoroughly explored. At this meeting he again instructed that the dissemination be held up and that the electronic sweeps be held. I told him that both the CIA and the Metropolitan Police had inquired of WFO about briefings in this matter and that I felt we should brief no one. He agreed.

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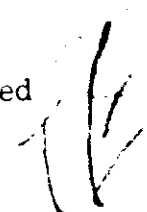
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At 10:25 a. m. , Mr. Gray called me and authorized our making an offer to the Democratic National Committee, the Credentials Committee, and the Republican National Committee for electronic sweep of their facilities. He also authorized a contact with Mr. John Dean of the White House regarding interviews and information needed there. This is being immediately handled by WFO. *Hunt's toll calls.*

While on the phone with him, I advised him of a new development: Subject Barker had tried to cash a cashier's check with the Republic National Bank, Miami, on 4/24/72. This check was drawn on the Boca Raton Bank and was for \$25,000. The Republic Bank checked with the Boca Raton Bank and they were advised the check was good and had been obtained by Mr. Kenneth Harry Dahlberg. Our files show Dahlberg was investigated at the request of the White House in December, 1969. He is an industrialist from Minnesota, is a millionaire, and has been active in the Republican Party in the Midwest for a number of years. The White House records disclosed he was not presently connected with the White House.

I talked to Mr. Gray again at 5 p. m. on 6/22/72 after his return to the office. I again went over the latest developments.

At 3:15 pm on 6/23/72 Mr. Gray called me. He said he had just talked to the Deputy Director of CIA in his office and he briefed me in detail regarding the conversation. I again told him I felt the FBI had no choice but to continue our full investigation and obtain all the details. He agreed.

At 6:00 p. m. on 6/23/72 Mr. Gray called me. He said he had just talked with Sandy Smith, a reporter for TIME magazine. Smith told him that TIME had adverse information affecting Mr. Gray but not affecting the FBI; that Gray had refused to permit Agents to check Colson's telephone toll calls and to interview him and that Gray had instructed this investigation be wrapped up in 24-48 hours, the inference being it would be a whitewash by the FBI on Gray's instructions. Mr. Gray told me he told Smith that the question had not arisen regarding Colson's toll calls; that we had checked with Colson to get toll calls made by Hunt; that he had not instructed the case be wrapped up in 48 hours but had instructed that it receive immediate priority attention and that he had indicated he had held up the electronic sweep of the Democratic and Republican headquarters until he had all necessary facts and that the sweep had now been ordered. Mr. Gray instructed that I have all Agents in

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WFO who had worked on this case in his office at 11 a. m. 6/24/72 (Saturday). I so instructed Supervisor John Ruhl of WFO and later passed these instructions on to SAC Kunkel.

On Saturday morning, 6/24/72, at 8:58 a. m., Sandy Smith called for me. I was away from my office and he asked that I call him at area code 301 757-4835. I contacted Mr. Gray at home and told him if he had no objection I would call Smith back and see what he wanted. At 10:16 a. m. 6/24/72 I called Sandy Smith. He told me he was working as a reporter for TIME magazine and that his present assignment was to dig into the burglary at Democratic National Headquarters. He commented that the editors of TIME and some reporters do not like the FBI. He said he was not one of these. His editors have received information in this case about Mr. Gray's performance. The source is Democratic and probably a member of Larry O'Brien's staff. The information TIME has is as follows:

- (1) Mr. Gray met with Mr. Mitchell last weekend in California and discussed this case.
- (2) Mr. Gray told Agents to wrap this case up in 24 hours.
- (3) Mr. Gray prevented Agents from checking Colson's phone calls.

Smith said his editors wanted him to check this out and they wanted to quote someone in the magazine. Smith then related his telephone call to Mr. Gray and Mr. Gray's answers to the above:

- (1) No. Both were in California but they did not meet.
- (2) He did not instruct that the case be wrapped up in 48 hours but did hold up the sweep until we could get all of our ducks in a row. This has now been authorized.
- (3) The question of Colson's telephone calls never came up - we were checking out Hunt. This has been done and no records are maintained at the White House as to Hunt's calls.

Smith said he gave all of this to his editors in New York; that TIME called him back and wanted him to find out why Colson's calls were not checked. He called Mr. Gray back. Mr. Gray told him that he did not intend to go in to details as to our investigation and had no comment on this. Mr. Gray told Smith that this was obviously an effort to malign the FBI. Smith told Mr. Gray he would certainly do nothing in this regard as he had only the highest admiration for the FBI.

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Smith told me he merely wanted to let me know what had happened and was asking for no information. None was given. He pointed out that he does not write this story he merely furnishes the information to New York where it is written. Smith is reasonably certain TIME will not comment regarding the alleged Mitchell-Gray meeting. They will not comment on the 48-hour matter. Insofar as Colson is concerned, he does not know. He will find out later today what will be written on this and will call me.

Smith said there was a rumor around town which was being spread by Larry O'Brien that they can't trust the FBI; that the MPD inventory of equipment found and FBI's inventory do not jive. Some of the equipment is Government property. I told Smith this was absolutely false and had no basis in truth whatsoever. Smith said O'Brien wants to show that President Nixon is behind this and that the FBI will whitewash it and get out of the case quickly.

I immediately called Mr. Gray and relayed to him Smith's conversation with me.

At 11:00 a. m. I met with Mr. Gray, SAC Kunkel, and 27 WFO Agents. Mr. Gray pointed out the seriousness of this leak to the news media concerning our investigation. He said he would not put up with this, that there was no excuse for it, and he wanted it stopped. He said there was no place in the FBI for loose-lipped Agents. Mr. Gray was very forceful about this, and rightly so. After he dismissed the Agents he conferred with me and SAC Kunkel. We again went over leads in this case. After Kunkel left Mr. Gray instructed that I furnish to him all of the current information we have and I gave him all of my ticklers. He said he wanted to review these himself.

Mr. Gray called me at home Saturday afternoon, 6/24/72. He said he wanted to have delivered to him at his apartment by noon Sunday, 6/25/72, all of the information in whatever form available known to WFO. SAC Kunkel was so instructed and at noon 6/25/72 delivered to Mr. Gray several volumes of teletypes, inserts and other material.

At 5:50 p. m. on 6/24/72 Sandy Smith called me. Said he had learned that the TIME article would be reduced to a minimum. No mention will be made of the FBI-MPD inventory. No mention will be made of the 48-hr. matter. The article would read as follows:

"It is inevitable that some were watching the FBI to see that there was no whitewash based on White House instructions. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Gray were in California at the same time. Both have denied meeting. Mr. Colson was interviewed re telephone calls made by Mr. Hunt but no records are kept of these."

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Smith said he tried to get deleted completely the Mitchell-Gray thing but his editors would not budge. I immediately relayed this information to Mr. Gray. He told me he had talked with Larry O'Brien on the telephone concerning the above information I gave to Mr. Gray from Sandy Smith. He said O'Brien commented that he had the highest regard for the FBI and wanted Mr. Gray to know that the investigation so far had been conducted in an excellent, thorough manner so far as he was concerned, that all he wanted was a full, thorough and complete investigation. Mr. Gray told him this was being done.

At 9:15 a.m. 6/27/72 Mr. Felt and I met with Mr. Gray on this matter. I furnished him at his request up-to-date copies of teletypes from WFO and a list of witnesses to appear before the Federal Grand Jury. I also discussed with Mr. Gray the attached items: (Attachment No. 1) *John Dean*

While in Mr. Gray's office Mr. John Dean of the White House called him. Mr. Gray inquired of him regarding Item No. 1 on attachment. Mr. Dean said that on June 19, Mr. Fred Fielding of the White House took everything from Hunt's office, put it in boxes, and it has been under guard since. All of this was delivered yesterday (6/26/72) to WFO. The question of custody and chain of evidence can be obtained from Mr. Fielding. Mr. Dean said that he would be happy to furnish any photographs WFO desired in connection with the matter on No. 3 of attachment.

Mr. Gray also discussed with Mr. Dean the Dahlberg matter and pointed out to him that if Dahlberg continued to refuse to talk to us he would obviously be called before the grand jury. After leaving Mr. Gray's office I passed the above information to SAC Kunkel so that it could be immediately handled.

Mr. Gray said that after his detailed review of all the information in this matter he was convinced that it was a CIA or a political operation or both. Both Mr. Felt and I pointed out it was extremely important that the FBI continue its aggressive, thorough investigation until we determine the motive, reasons and identity of all persons concerned. We pointed out that Mr. Gray may possibly be called to testify at some later date before a congressional committee and we could not afford to have the FBI accused of not pursuing this matter to the end. Mr. Gray agreed completely. As a matter of fact he indicated this position to Mr. Dean on the telephone.

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Mr. Gray asked that I brief Mr. Felt completely on prior developments in this matter which I have done.

At 11:40 a. m. 6/27/72, Mr. Felt called me and advised that I was to attend a meeting in Mr. Gray's office at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, 6/28/72. At the meeting would be Mr. Gray, Mr. Felt, CIA Director Helms, his deputy, and I.

On morning of 6/28/72 Mr. Felt advised me that a meeting with CIA representatives had been cancelled. Mr. Gray would see Mr. Felt and I at 2:30 p. m. At that time Mr. Gray was brought up to date on all developments in this case. He said he did not feel it was the appropriate time to sit down with CIA; that we needed to get our "ducks in a row." Mr. Gray opined this operation was either a CIA covert activity or political in nature or both. I pointed out that under no circumstances should we back off of any investigation at the request of CIA without forcing them to reveal completely their interest in this matter. Mr. Felt and I both pointed out that the FBI's reputation was at stake as well as Mr. Gray's position; that we did not feel we should hold back under any circumstances unless the reasons therefore were publicly expressed. Mr. Gray made it plain that he would not hold back the FBI in this investigation at anyone's request, including the President of the U. S. , and if he were ordered to do so he would resign.

We discussed with him a list of 8 leads that should be covered at the Committee to Reelect the President. He told Felt to check with John Dean at the White House on this. As a followup, Felt advised me at 3:45 p. m. 6/29/72 that he had called John Dean regarding these leads. Dean said he would check and call him back. Felt instructed that if we had received no word by cob 6/29/72 that WFO should go ahead the first thing the morning of 6/30/72. SAC Kunkel was so advised.

On 6/28/72 Mr. Felt instructed me not to interview [redacted] His instructions had come from Mr. Gray who received a call from [redacted] that these 2 men [redacted] and he requested we not interview or investigate them at this stage. I relayed these instructions to SAC Kunkel, WFO, and SAC McDermott, Alexandria. McDermott advised that Caswell had been interviewed on the evening of 6/27/72 but that he would call the Agent off of the [redacted] b1

Also on 6/28/72 Mr. Felt instructed that we discontinue a lead to interview and investigate Kathleen Chenow. This was done.

Mr. John Dean of the White House has informed the WFO that he has obtained material belonging to Hunt, including photographs and letters which he would turn over to Agents Monday morning. Agents were there but the matter seemed to be up in the air. As of 3:30 the Agents were still at Mr. Dean's office but the material had not been furnished.

(2) General Redman, White House Communications Agency, has informed WFO that he can furnish to them all of Hunt's toll calls from the White House with approval from somebody at the White House.

[REDACTED] Bouman says that Hunt had offered him a position in the "security field" and indicated an association with the Republican Party. Bouman subsequently met with Hunt at the Playboy Club in Miami on 12/28/71. Present with Hunt was an individual whom Hunt did not identify. He was described as a white male, 33-42 years old; 5' 8" to 5' 10"; 160 lbs.; black hair - receding. Hunt discussed the need for a security program for the Republican Party. This unidentified man did not participate in the conversation. (e)

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At Hunt's request Bouman flew to Washington in January of 1972. He called Hunt at the White House. Hunt and the same unidentified man came to the Hay-Adams Hotel. Bouman was again offered the same security job. He noted that the unidentified man had initialed cufflinks which did not correspond to the first name used by Hunt.

Mr. Kunkel, SAC - WFO, would like to obtain photographs of Dave Young, Wilson and Butterfield so that Bouman may review them in an attempt to identify this third individual.

Kenneth H. Dahlberg was again contacted at his residence the morning of June 26. On advice of his Washington attorney he would not be interviewed, he would not furnish name of attorney without attorney's OK, he was unable to contact attorney but left word at attorney's office and will contact our Minneapolis Office after he hears from attorney. It appears to me that Dahlberg is under wraps not to talk to us.

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RECOMMENDED INTERVIEWS AT COMMITTEE TO REELECT THE PRESIDENT
1701 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb 6-30-72
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CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING

- (1) Who recommended/recruited James Walter McCord, Jr., for Chief of Security?
- (2) What were McCord's duties and who did he report to, or was responsible to?
- (3) How did McCord's job as Chief of Security tie-in, or did it, with his duties regarding recruiting individuals for the security squad assigned to guard the Mitchell family? Also, did the Committee pay the salaries of persons on the Mitchell family security guard? (Note: Alfred C. Baldwin, former FBI Agent, identified as being in the Howard Johnson Motel during the period 5/5/72 - 6/17/72. This motel is located across from the Watergate location of the Democratic Party headquarters. Baldwin is also known to have been assigned to guarding of Martha Mitchell in April, 1972.)
- (4) Determine the Committee's knowledge of a bank account opened by McCord at National Savings and Trust, Washington, D. C., in the name of "Dedicated Friends For a Better America" showing McCord as Chairman. This account was opened in February, 1972 and closed in April, 1972 and \$90,000 passed through it during this period.
- (5) To whom did McCord report concerning transactions in the foregoing account and what was use made of such funds, namely, were they for McCord's use in connection with his security responsibilities.
- (6) Determine identity of any similar accounts which McCord may have opened.
- (7) Who did McCord recruit to assist him in the work of the Committee.
- (8) Determine the Committee's knowledge of and/or contacts made with the Committee by Alfred C. Baldwin (known to have telephonically contacted the Committee from Connecticut on 6/19/72, following 6/17/72, arrest of subjects); Everette Howard Hunt; Kenneth Dahlberg; and Michael Douglas Caddy.

(Note Hunt's White House file has notation 3/29/72, Hunt could be more effective at "1701." Committee's address is 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., and according to Charles Colson 3/29/72, is last date Hunt employed by White House.)

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On the morning of 6/29/72 Mr. Felt, after talking with Mr. Gray, instructed that hold up any interviews or investigation of George Munroe, CIA, Mexico City, and Ogarrio of Mexico City, and Kenneth Dahlberg. I told him this would be done. I pointed out I had no objection to temporarily holding up these leads but I strongly felt that they should eventually be covered - regardless.

Mr. Gray confidentially advised at the meeting on the afternoon of 6/28/72 that he had an appointment at the White House at 6:30 p. m. that day. Mr. Felt and I both reiterated the absolute necessity that nothing deter the FBI from a complete and thorough investigation.

At 10:15 a. m. 6/30/72 SAC Kunkel advised me that AUSA Silbert had told him that he and USA Titus felt there was some delay on the part of the FBI in certain aspects of this investigation. He referred to the interviews of Dave Young, Chenow, Ogarrio and the receipt of copies of the reports. Silbert said they wanted to move rapidly, that AAG Petersen had so instructed them. I discussed this with Mr. Felt.

At 12:50 p. m. 6/30/72 Mr. Felt told me that John Dean of the White House had said to hold off interview of Young until Dean talks with Mr. Gray.

At 1:25 p. m. Felt told me it was all right to interview Young, that he would be made available at the White House Monday morning (7/3/72). Chenow is returning from England and will be available next week for interview. Dean will let us know specifically. Dean will sit in on these interviews. SAC Kunkel advised.

At 12:30 p. m. 6/30/72 Mr. Felt stated it was OK for Agents to interview John Mitchell and to reinterview Dahlberg. WFO was advised on the interview of Mitchell and SAC Minneapolis was advised re Dahlberg.

At 1:25 p. m. Mr. Felt advised that Dean had talked to Mr. Gray and we were not to interview Dahlberg at this time. SAC Minneapolis so informed.

A phone call was received from AAG Petersen asking for an informal summary of information on Dahlberg. This was prepared and hand delivered to him at 2:00 p. m. Also on Mr. Felt's instructions copies of our reports have been delivered to Petersen and to the U. S. Attorney.

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At 2:30 p. m. on 7/3/72 SAC Kunkel and I met with Mr. Gray. He was brought up to date on all developments. Mr. Gray commented that he was not going to hold off on any phase of this investigation at the request of anyone. He made the comment that he did not feel that John Dean or Charles Colson were involved in any way but had the feeling that Ehrlichman "was caught up in something." He requested that we investigate the complete background of Fiorini (true name Sturgis) and all of his activities and associates. Such investigation was ordered in Miami. He also instructed that we check out thoroughly and completely Felipe De Diego. This was also ordered.

On the morning of 7/5/72 I delivered to Mr. Felt and to Mr. Gray the interview of Miss Gleason. At 9:45 on 7/5/72 SAC Kunkel called. He said that Attorney Bittman will let AUSA Silbert know by noon as to when he will make Hunt available for an interview by the FBI. Mr. Felt was immediately advised. It later turned out that Bittman did not call Silbert back on 7/5/72.

At 12:05 p. m. 7/5/72 Mr. Felt called and instructed that I tell SAC Kunkel that if they have a good prospect at the Committee to Reelect the President they should attempt to make a contact with them at home or away from the office and see if they would be willing to talk with the FBI without an attorney present. Kunkel said this would be considered.

At 2:45 p. m. 7/5/72 SAC Kunkel advised that Baldwin was thinking about taking the fifth amendment before the Grand Jury. He also said that Jerry Alch, an attorney in the F. Lee Bailey firm, was representing McCord. Ten people at the Committee to Reelect the President are to be served with subpoenas on the morning of 7/6/72 to appear before the Grand Jury. They will go immediately to the U. S. Attorney's office and there will be given an opportunity of talking to the FBI before appearing at the Grand Jury. Mr. Gray was advised of this at 2:50 p. m.

At 4:30 p. m. 7/5/72 SAC Kunkel advised that Baldwin had agreed to talk to the FBI and that Agents were on the way to see him. At 4:50 p. m. Mr. Gray called and said he had finished reading the Gleason interview. Mr. Gray said that Agents should go after Odle on the night of 7/5/72 and see if he would talk to the FBI. I immediately relayed this to SAC Kunkel. Kunkel felt that if we hit Odle and he refused to talk it would give him an opportunity to get his story straight before being subpoenaed before the Grand Jury on the morning of 7/6/72. I relayed this to Mr. Gray and told him I

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agreed with Kunkel. He said he also agreed and we should hold up on this.

8/10/72 on 7/6/72 Mr. Gray advised me he had talked with General Walters of CIA. He told Walters that we must have a communication from CIA in writing explaining why and requesting that we hold up any interview or investigation of Ogarcio and Dahlberg. General Walters said he would have a communication to Mr. Gray by 11 a. m. on 7/6/72. Mr. Gray said if this was not forthcoming at that time we should proceed. As a follow up to this Mr. Gray advised me at 10:30 a. m. on 7/6/72 that he had received the CIA letter, that it was not pertinent, and we should immediately interview Ogarcio and Dahlberg. Instructions were given to have this done.

At 10:30 a. m. on 7/6/72 I gave Mr. Gray the WFO teletype reflecting the interview with Baldwin. SAC Kunkel and Mr. Felt were with me. It was agreed we would hold up any search warrant of McCord's home because of the necessity of identifying Baldwin as the source and in view of the elapsed time since McCord's arrest we will consider this later.

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WHITE HOUSE INTERVIEWS

At 11:30 A.M. this morning, WFO Agents arranged for interview with Charles Colson, Special Counsel to the President in the presence of John Deane. Agents had definite impression Colson had been previously interviewed by Deane. Colson denied any knowledge of Hunt's involvement in this matter and stated Hunt's assignment with White House terminated 3/29/72. Colson stated Hunt's assignment would not to his knowledge have required contacts with individuals such as subjects of this matter.

Mr. Deane is arranging for Bureau to receive all toll calls made from Hunt's office since March, 1972.

ELECTRONIC SWEEPS

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Lawrence O'Brien, Chairman, Democratic Party, for an electronic sweep of his office. According to the Lab the initial contact with the Democratic Party, National Committee Office, will be tomorrow morning (Friday).

Contact was also made of Mr. Robert Dole to arrange similar sweep of Republican Party Headquarters. Call was placed to former Attorney General Mitchell by SAC, WFO, and for Assistant Attorney General Warden returned this call and concurred in the agreement that the Republican Party Headquarters should also be electronically swept. This will be done following the sweep of the Democratic Party Headquarters.

MIAMI PHOTOGRAPHS

Miami office has advised that a Cuban photographer has been identified to them by a private detective as having developed two rolls of 35 mm film on or about 6/10/72, with three individuals one of whom he weakly identified as subject Barker, another of whom he positively identifies as subject Fiorini and the third he cannot identify. Foregoing is based upon Agents interview of the photographer who stated that he was contacted as indicated above on 6/10 by these individuals who wanted a rush job done in developing two rolls of 35 mm film. According to the photographer he made 40 7 x 10 prints for taxi which the individuals paid \$75 plus a \$20 deposit which they forgot about in their hurry to leave his shop upon completion of the developing. According to the photographer many of these pictures as he recalls were onion skin copies of letterhead paper of the Chairman of the Democratic National Party. He specifically recalls seeing Larry O'Brien's name signed to some of this correspondence. According to the photograph visible in the picture is a shag rug on which the document being photographed was placed and visible on each of the corners are hands wearing what appeared to be rubber gloves.

not to Mitchell

Lawrence O'Brien office

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\$25,000 CASHIERS CHECK

Miami has determined from records of Rapid Republican National Bank that subject Bernard L. Barker on 4/24/72, cashed a cashiers check from Kenneth Harry Dahlberg on whom we did White House inquiry in December of 1969 to January, 1970. Dahlberg has closed his winter home at Boca Raton, Florida, and reportedly is in Minneapolis. Minneapolis instructed to interview Dahlberg concerning this check.

MC CORD'S BANK ACCOUNT

Subpoena has been served on McCord's bank, Rockville, Maryland, for production of all bank records concerning McCord's account. These records are expected to be produced shortly.