

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations
 SUBJECT: WH Comments on Jack Anderson Column

REFERENCE: Jack Anderson's Washington Harry-Go-Round Column of 3 March 1973: "Chilean Break-ins Reflect Watergate"

1. WH Division has reviewed the referenced column (copy attached) by Jack Anderson and finds that it contains no new information. To the best knowledge of the Division, there is no foundation to the allegation that E. Howard Hunt was engaged on behalf of ITT in breaking into Chilean diplomatic installations in Washington and New York.

2. Any connection between ITT and these break-ins is purely conjectural and the column takes care to point this out.

3. Harold Hendrix, ITT Latin American representative, has told us that he had no relationship with Hunt on this or any ITT matter. He had anticipated that Anderson might imply such a relationship in his column and had assured us that this was not true.

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Attachment: As Stated

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the Watergate break-in, he said, was carried out by members of the Democratic Party to disrupt a meeting of a conservative group which occurs annually during the week of July 4. Several thousand conservative members were kept under electronic surveillance. According to a source close to the defendants.

The operation at the Embassy of Chile, 1735 Massachusetts Ave., NW, involved three men, the source said. One pulled documents from the files, one photographed the documents, and one placed them back in the files. Embassy officials have said that last May their chancery was burglarized and the files of their ambassador and political chief were searched.

The source, a person well acquainted with the activities of the Watergate defendants, made the information available on the condition that his name not be used.

Among the senators whose activities were in some way allegedly monitored were Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) and Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho). This source also said that Sol Linowitz, former U.S. ambassador to the Organization of American States, was kept under similar surveillance.

While Newsday was able to confirm some of the source's statements through officials close to the investigation, allegations concerning the surveillance of senators neither could be confirmed nor denied.

The seven defendants in the Watergate case go on trial Monday in the U.S. District Court here.

It also has been learned that Federal authorities have tracked down and questioned two men who had been involved in Washington with the Watergate group but who had not been caught at the Democratic headquarters scene June 17.

On the same day, the FBI arrested James W. McCord, 43, a former security consultant for the President's re-election committee, was arrested in Miami, the Watergate on June 17 with the four defendants from Miami.

~~McCord worked for the CIA case officer [redacted] even though [redacted] was not [redacted]~~

~~McCord worked for the CIA in the years following his part in the Bay of Pigs affair, according to a well-informed defense source in the case. The source says that Martinez confessed to his fellow defendants that he had been keeping the diary at the urging of his current CIA supervisor, after it was seized by federal officials.~~

Investigation sources acknowledge that FBI agents found the diary in the truck of Martinez' car, which was parked at Miami International Airport.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Earl J. Silbert declined to say whether Martinez' diary would be introduced as evidence in the Watergate trial, which opens Monday.

De Diego, 43, is a real estate salesman who was employed in Miami real estate office of Bernard L. Barker, one of the Watergate defendants.

De Diego, who was granted immunity by the grand jury investigating the case, said he told the grand jury and the FBI that he had come to Washington last May with Pico and the four Watergate defendants from the Miami area (Barker, Martinez, Frank Sturgis and Virgilio R. Gonzales). He said that he believed he and his friends were waiting to see someone from the government.

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