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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- SEN. GEORGE S. HCGOVERN PLANS TO ASK THE SENATE WATERGATE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE AN ANTI-HCGOVERN LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN DURING LAST FALL'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, SOURCES CLOSE TO THE SENATOR SAID SUNDAY.

THE SOURCES SAID THE SOUTH DAKOTA DEMOCRAT PLANNED TO TURN OVER TO THE COMMITTEE, HEADED BY SEN. SAN J. ERVIN JR., D-R.C., A FILE LINKING THE LETTER CAMPAIGN TO THE "DEMOCRATS FOR NIXON" ORGANIZATION SET UP BY FORMER TEXAS GOV. JOHN B. CONNALLY, WHO HAS SINCE TURNED REPUBLICAN.

"IT SEEMS TO BE THE FIRST CONCRETE INVOLVEMENT OF THE CONNALLY OUTFIT IN THIS SABOTAGE," SAID HCGOVERN'S CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR FRANK HANKIENICZ. "THEY HAD NO MONEY, I RECALL. ALL THEIR BILLS WERE PAID BY THE CRP (COMMITTEE FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT)."

THE ERVIN COMMITTEE WAS SET UP TO INVESTIGATE A NUMBER OF ALLEGED INCIDENTS OF POLITICAL ESPIONAGE AND SABOTAGE, IN ADDITION TO THE WATERGATE BREAK-IN.

ON SUNDAY, SYNDICATED COLUMNISTS ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK REPORTED THAT FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS HAVE LINKED AN ATTACK ON A GREEK EXILE LEADER WITH A DEMOCRATS FOR NIXON ANTI-HCGOVERN CAMPAIGN.

THE EXILE LEADER, ELIAS DENETRACOPOULOS, WAS GIVEN A STATEMENT BY HCGOVERN PLEDGING THAT IF ELECTED HE WOULD CUT OFF ALL MILITARY FUNDS FOR THE PRESENT GREEK MILITARY REGIME.

MAYOR JOHN P. ROUSAKIS OF SAVANNAH, GA., WROTE A PRIVATE LETTER TO HCGOVERN ACCUSING HIM OF PRESENTING A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY POSITION "TO AN OBSCURE GREEK COMMUNIST JOURNALIST."

"THE ATTACK ON DENETRACOPOULOS VIA ROUSAKIS' PRIVATE LETTER TO HCGOVERN WAS THEN PUBLISHED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES IN THE GREEK-AMERICAN PRESS -- NOT AT THE TIME IT WAS WRITTEN (AUG. 18) BUT JUST THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE ELECTION," THE COLUMNISTS WROTE.

THEY ADDED THAT "THE ESSENCE OF THE MAYOR'S LETTER TO HCGOVERN WAS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED ON DEMOCRATS FOR NIXON LETTERHEAD AND SENT TO ROUSAKIS."

"THE MAYOR'S OWN LETTER BECAME A PRINCIPAL EXHIBIT IN THE ANTI-HCGOVERN CAMPAIGN OF SAN NAKIS, NAMED VICE CHAIRMAN OF DEMOCRATS FOR NIXON IN SEPTEMBER TO ATTRACT THE LARGE GREEK ETHNIC VOTE TO MR. NIXON," THE COLUMNISTS SAID.

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