

Gray's Reported Destruction Of Sensitive Files Probed

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon's special Watergate prosecutor is probing acting FBI director L. Patrick Gray's reported destruction of politically sensitive files belonging to bugging conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

"The matter has been under investigation" by Asst. Atty. Gen. Henry Petersen since April 15, presidential assistant John Ehrlichman said Thursday night in a statement.

Ehrlichman reacted to a New York Daily News report that Gray is ready to tell the Watergate grand jury he burned the files at the suggestion of Ehrlichman and presidential Counsel John W. Dean III.

"I was present, but neither then, nor at any other time, did I give Mr. Gray any request, suggestion or instruction regarding what should be done with the contents," added Nixon's chief domestic adviser, thus denying Gray's reported contention that Dean and Ehrlichman told him that "these files should never see the light of day."

Ehrlichman said he doesn't know "the nature of the contents" but clearly indicated he heard that Gray had destroyed them when he said: "Up until April 15, I assumed the FBI director still had the contents. I learned certain new facts concerning the contents of the Hunt safe on April 15. I promptly reported my findings to

the President the same day and they were relayed to Mr. Petersen, the assistant attorney general. The matter has been under investigation by him since then."

Haldeman helped cover up the Watergate affair. Presidential spokesman Ronald Ziegler, meanwhile denied a flurry of news reports saying the President is actively seeking a trusted aide to direct a house cleaning of the presidential staff.

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Moore's Action Protested

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Student senators officially took "strong exception" Thursday night to Senator Bill Moore's action to kill a bill putting students on college board of regents.

Moore, who also fought the majority rights bill for 18-year-olds, will be at A&M Monday at 2 p.m. for the dedication of the Reed McDonald Services Building.

off campus if they had known of the increases. By a 47-16 vote with one abstention the Senate recommended to the administration to make class attendance for all lecture classes non-compulsory.

as and the University of Houston while it is left to a professor's discretion at Texas Tech, Baylor and Texas Woman's University.

Larry MacRoberts, a former head resident adviser of Milner Hall, was on hand to verbally condemn his former domicile as the Senate voted, 34-28, with an abstention to "strongly-urge" that Milner Hall be closed down for the '73-'74 school year.

Newsman saw lawyer John J. Wilson in the office of prosecutor Earl J. Silbert. Earlier the White House said Wilson paid a repeat visit to President Nixon Wednesday, and returned Thursday morning for meetings with his two clients, H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman.

Ziegler has said the President still sees Haldeman and Ehrlichman about governmental matters. It appeared possible from Wilson's repeat visits that any Watergate discussions are going through the lawyer as an intermediary.

A&M Student Learns The Art Of Levitating

The art of levitation, that is the ability to cause an object to rise in the air with no means of support, has intrigued man since the days of the alchemists.

Kenneth Solinsky, a graduate student in industrial engineering, has been working with induction motors for his Master's thesis work. He started his research program with the goal of using a linear motor as a conveyor.

tial use will dictate how fast parts are moved. The induction motor has many possible uses, according to Solinsky. He believes it can be used to sort metal cans for recycling.

Senators took 40 minutes and a roll call vote to defeat a resolution calling for future mid-semester grade reports to be sent only to those on scholastic probation or failing a course.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jeb Stuart Magruder, former deputy director of the Nixon re-election campaign who has been linked in news reports to the Watergate bugging, has resigned his Commerce Department position, his attorney said Thursday night.

Magruder's sudden resignation took Commerce Department officials by surprise. The department's director of public affairs, Basil Litton said late Thursday he had searched and been unable to find any official notification of the resignation.

Environmental Bills' Outlook Appraised

Char White, Congresswoman from San Antonio, shed some light Thursday on the current state of affairs with environmental legislation in Austin.

"I don't think the outlook is good for passing any such legislation this session," White said.

Hawaii and Arizona are the last complete holdouts against "fast time," as they were last year.

Most of the nation sets the clock ahead at 2 a.m. Sunday and loses an hour of sleep not to be regained until next October.

Magruder, according to news accounts, has told prosecutors that former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell and White House Counsel John W. Dean III approved and helped plan the Watergate bugging operation.

Magruder also reportedly accused Mitchell and Dean of arranging payoffs to buy silence from the men accused of the Watergate raid.

Students presently living in the residence halls listed above who wish to reserve the room they now occupy should register 8 a.m. Monday through 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Environmental Bills' Outlook Appraised

White reported on the status of eight environmental bills that are now or were in the legislature this session.

"I had read that levitation might be possible with induction motors," he continued, "but I didn't think my motor would be capable of raising something in the air."

In Indiana 12 counties, six each in the state's northwest and southwest corners which are in the Central time zone, will observe Daylight Saving Time.

Officially the other 80 counties in Indiana, in the Eastern time zone, will remain on standard time. But seven of these counties, bordering Louisville, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio, will observe daylight time unofficially to conform with the time in those cities.

Magruder's resignation from the Commerce Department was disclosed by his lawyer, James J. Bierbower. Asked for an elaboration, Bierbower said: "There will be none."

Bierbower has said his client would testify voluntarily before the Watergate grand jury.

Students who wish to reserve a room other than the one they now occupy should sign up on a first-come, first-served basis 8 a.m. Thursday through 5 p.m. May 11.

Environmental Bills' Outlook Appraised

White listed most of the other seven bills as either in "bad shape" or stalled in one chamber or another.

"This type of conveyor," he explained, "is much more reliable than the conventional belt methods. For shorter distances, the induction conveyor system is more economical than the conveyor belt, and since there are no moving parts, maintenance is not a problem."

Most of Michigan will observe Eastern Daylight Saving Time. But four counties adjoining Wisconsin will be switching permanently to Central Time by order of the U. S. Department of Transportation and will not change their clocks.

The change was ordered in response to requests from officials of the four counties who want to promote business ties with Wisconsin.

Students who live in Schuhmacher who need accommodations between terms will also sign up and pay rent subject to the same schedule and rates.

Students found living in Hughes or Schuhmacher between terms who have not signed up and paid the required rent will be subject to disciplinary action in addition to the \$2 per day charges.

All students changing rooms are reminded to properly check out of their old rooms and into their new rooms with the resident advisor.

Environmental Bills' Outlook Appraised

White urged local support for such issues. "We don't have the grass roots support necessary for this type of legislation."

Solinsky can vary the speed of parts being moved by his conveyor by changing control grids on the motor and by varying voltage. Speeds range from virtually no movement at all to hundreds of miles per hour. He thinks there is no limit to the speed that can be achieved, but prac-

A CHALK IN was held Thursday beside the parade field in front of the Richard Coke Building. Various obscenities were etched into the cement pavement as students "told it like it was." Gary Terry and Steve Stewart do their

thing with chalk provided by the Memorial Student Center. A Mall Dance between the Library and Agriculture Building is scheduled tonight from 8 to midnight. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

Students now residing in residence halls but who wish to apply for day student status for the summer session should file such application with the Housing Office immediately.

"On the side of Texas A&M," University National Bank Adv.

Students who reserve rooms but cancel after May 15 will forfeit their room deposits.

All residence halls except Schuhmacher and Hughes will be closed and locked 6 p.m. May 11.