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President Nixon personally ordered the federal crackdown on corruption in Chicago as an act of political vengeance.

After he lost the close 1960 election, Republicans brought him enough evidence of vote fraud in Chicago to convince him that he could have edged out John F. Kennedy for Illinois' crucial electoral votes.

They urged him to challenge the election, which would have tied it up in a nasty court battle. Nixon refused, saying he would not be a party to a constitutional crisis. But he never forgot that Mayor Richard Daley's political machine had helped deny him the presidency in 1960.

When he finally reached the White House eight years later, he let the Justice Department know that he wanted to clean up Chicago. A high-powered strike force and a squad of Washington-based tax agents were dispatched to Chicago to put the Daley machine under a federal microscope.

Their work has already brought one celebrated conviction. Federal Judge Otto Kerner, formerly Governor of Illinois and a kingpin in the Daley machine, was found guilty on 17 counts of conspiracy, fraud, bribery and income tax evasion.

The President got the news while he was flying aboard *The Spirit of '76*. He was so elated that he directed presidential aide John Ehrlichman

to phone his congratulations to prosecutor James Thompson.

Footnote: The aggressive Thompson, as U.S. attorney for northern Illinois, has some other Daley cronies on the ropes. Edward Barrett, the Cook County clerk, is on trial for bribery, income tax evasion and mail fraud. An investigation into the Cook County assessor's office is expected to lead to still more indictments. Mayor Daley, himself, is likely to escape criminal charges. But he has been embarrassed by disclosures that his sons have been receiving city insurance and legal business.

## Black September

The Central Intelligence Agency has put together some fascinating facts about the Black September terrorists, which may explain why they stormed into the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Khartoum to commit their latest atrocity.

Apparently, the terrorists hoped to shock the world and embarrass the Saudis in the process by taking over their embassy and executing three of their distinguished guests, including American Ambassador Cleo Noel Jr. Here is the background from secret CIA reports, which have been shown to us:

The Black September movement, named for the month of September, 1970, when King Hussein started his successful drive to crush the Palestinians in Jordan, began as the terror-

ist arm of al-Fatah.

A few hundred hardened, embittered fedayeen were recruited whose main mission was to "get" King Hussein. Originally, claims a secret CIA report, "Fatah's assassination plans (were) aimed solely at Jordanian ministers, Army officers and members of the Royal Hashemite family.

The Black September terrorists struck first at Wafsi Tell, the late Jordanian Premier, who was gunned down in Cairo in November, 1971. This happened at a time when Saudi Arabia's King Faisal was trying to negotiate an accord between Jordan and al-Fatah. The King was worried, according to a secret report, "about the complete takeover of fedayeen leadership by radical extremists." He saw this as the "tragic inevitable outcome if Jordan continued to exclude the fedayeen wholly from any separate existence."

King Hussein, however, had intelligence reports of al-Fatah's involvement in the Black September attack upon Wafsi Tell. These reports "indicated the King and his family were equally targets of Fatah assassination plans."

He asked King Faisal to send a representative to Jordan "to be informed in detail of the evidence of Fatah's involvement." Faisal countered by inviting Hussein to send a representative to Saudi Arabia. Jordanian Ambassador Shanquti was immediately

dispatched to Riyadh to present the evidence to Faisal.

The fedayeen, meanwhile, had been filling Faisal with stories of Jordanian brutality against al-Fatah.

For a time King Faisal didn't know whom to believe, but he increasingly became convinced that al-Fatah had been taken over by radicals. In the end, Faisal wound up in Hussein's corner. This is the reason, according to the CIA, that the Black September terrorists have now turned against the Saudis.

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## ITT Denies Connection With Watergate Figure

International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. yesterday denied that it had any connection with any of the Watergate defendants as was alleged in a column by Jack Anderson Thursday.

In a statement from New York, R. G. Bateson, associate general counsel of ITT, said that the allegations in the column "are completely inaccurate and untrue."

"ITT never hired E. Howard Hunt or any so-called 'Mission Impossible team.' There is no link between ITT and any of the Watergate defendants, or break-ins of the Chilean embassy or Chilean diplomat's residences," Bateson said.