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Embassy Break-In Probed

The Watergate special prosecutor's office is seeking to question the publisher of a locally based anti-Communist Chilean newsletter about the alleged theft of a mailing list from the Chilean embassy shortly before last year's Watergate break-in.

The prosecutors are investigating the possibility that the Chilean embassy burglary the weekend of May 13-15, 1972 may have involved some of the same individuals as the June 17 Watergate break-in.

Wilson C. Lucom, publisher of Chile La Verdad (The Truth), was subpoenaed last month to appear before a grand jury here to answer questions about the source of some names on his newsletter's circulation list, it was learned.

Lucom protested the subpoena on grounds that it would breach a claimed newsman's privilege of confidentiality, and the special prosecutor's office subsequently withdrew the subpoena.

James Doyle, spokesman for the prosecutor's office, said, "We continue to be interested in Mr. Lucom and we expect that he will voluntarily come in to tak with us as his attorney has indicated he would."

"We quashed the subpoena, although it was completely legal and proper, to avoid even the suggestion of a 1st Amendment problem," Doyle said. LUCOM, in a telephone interview today, said he wired acting Atty. Gen. Robert H. Bork on Dec. 5 to protest "harassment of news media" by the special prosecutor's office.

The prosecutors, Lucom said, had failed to obtain Borrk's authorization before subpoening him as required by Justice Department regulations in cases involving newsmen.

Lucom said he told Bork, "I strongly resent and protext... attempts through speculations to link me to the Watergate plumbers and a break-in at the Chilean Embassy May 13-15, 1972."

He said he has no intention of cooperating with the special prosecutor's office, and will fight to protect his "long established circulation list and news sources in Chile."