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THE MYSTERIOUS "WATERGATE BREAK-IN" ON CAMPUS

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It seems there are rumors being maliciously spread of one or two "Watergate break-ins" supposed to have taken place on campus.

I am informed that on one occasion a slandering, anonymous typed letter was being circulated on campus, copies of which were slipped under office doors during the night. I am informed a former secretary authorized a check of typewriters in various offices on campus to ascertain on which typewriter the slanderous letter had been typed.

The man in charge of typewriter maintenance is also custodian of campus keys and is the campus locksmith. He was authorized properly to open office doors for typewriter inspection to compare which typewriter--if any--had been used in typing the anonymous letter.

There was no "break-in."

The other rumored "break-in" occurred in the Spanish Department. Mr. Leon Walker, director of the Spanish Department, was in South America at the time. Information was received from somewhere that our manager of our Mexico City office was there on a visa technically illegal. One of our ministers sought visa information so our Legal Department could correct the error.

He needed to examine papers regarding the visa in the offices of the Spanish Department. He called a secretary, office employee and Spanish-language translator in the evening. She said she would go with him to the Spanish offices, but it was after hours and she did not have a key to the Office Facilities building. The minister called the man in charge of campus keys, who agreed to let them in the building. The secretary-translator's husband also accompanied her and the minister. (The Legal Department later found that the visa was in fact legal.)

Later the minister and the secretary-translator's husband were accused to me of a "Watergate break-in." I called them to question them. The whole episode had been improperly reported to me, as I learned later. I had revoked the minister's ministerial status, and sent both him and the secretary-translator's husband away. I have since investigated more thoroughly. It was a case of misguided zeal, but no wrong intent. **THERE WAS NO BREAK-IN.** Those who spread such a rumor are spreading false rumors to discredit the minister and the Church.

There is no need to make an announcement of the foregoing. It is furnished to you simply to aid in answering Church members that might hear of the rumor and ask a question of you regarding the same.