

Agent Tells of Order To Smear Anderson

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morning of Dec. 23, 1971, at the height of a joint White House-Pentagon probe of Anderson. The columnist was publishing sensitive national security information in his newspaper column.

Neither Young, who is out of the country, nor his attorney could be reached for comment.

The Watergate special prosecutor and the Senate intelligence committee are currently investigating allegations that Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt Jr. was ordered by a senior White House official in late 1971 to assassinate Anderson.

Hunt has said publicly that he never planned to assassinate Anderson, but did devise several plans to drug the newsmen.

Three separate sources have told The Washington Post that Hunt told them in 1972 that he was specifically ordered to kill Anderson.

Stewart, who said he knew of no proposal to kill Anderson, nonetheless said that former President Nixon and other White House officials were willing to do just about anything else to stop Anderson.

Stewart said that the proposal to smear Anderson as a homosexual began on the evening of Dec. 22, 1971, when Young called him at home and said that he wanted to see him early the next morning.

"I went down to the White House, Room 16," Stewart recounted, "and Young said I should interview Radford at once to find some homosexual relationship with Anderson.

"When I said I wouldn't do it, Young got mad. 'Damn it, damn it, the President is jumping up and down and he wants this and we're always telling him everything can't be done.'"

According to Stewart, Young shook his head and said: "The President is mad at us and we're telling him it can't be done."

Stewart said that Young did not press him further.

Reliable sources involved in the Watergate investigations said that Young kept a series of large black binders in which he kept extremely detailed records on all conversations and phone calls.

These binders are still locked in the White House, the sources said, though one attorney from the special prosecutor's office had access to them.

Anderson Slur Said Ordered

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A former senior Pentagon investigator said last week that he was ordered to "establish" that syndicated columnist Jack Anderson had a homosexual relationship with a suspected news source even though there was no reason to believe that one existed.

W. Donald Stewart, who was in charge of an investigation into news leaks in late 1971, said the order was given to him by David Young, the Nixon administration official in charge of the "plumbers," the White House unit created in July, 1971, to investigate news leaks.

Stewart said in an interview that Young wanted him to show that Anderson and Navy Yeoman Charles Radford, who worked in the National Security Council, had a homosexual relationship.

"I refused the order," Stewart said. "Young told me he wanted me to develop and prove that there was a homosexual relationship between Jack Anderson and Radford."

Stewart said he refused because the nature of the order was "not to see what might be there, but to insure that I found a homosexual relationship."

Stewart said that Young got very upset when he refused the order.

"This came from the President," Stewart quoted Young as saying, "it's the President's order."

Stewart said he still refused the order.

There is or was no evidence that Anderson had a homosexual relationship with Radford or anyone else.

According to Stewart, Young issued the order the

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