

The Crowded Blotter of Watergate Suspects

Seven men have been convicted so far in the break-in and bugging of the Democratic National Committee headquarters last June 17. Their three leaders were G. Gordon Liddy, a principal in the committee for the R-Election of the President; Howard Holtzworth, a CIA agent and White House consultant; and James McCord, a senior aide for the Nixon reelection committee. But their political espionage operation was plotted and directed by much higher authority, at least 11 men who are in at least one of the 17 indictments. Some are being investigated by federal officials. Others have been indicted in the case so far, but the allegations against them have indicated the charges were not based on findings of investigators from the Justice Department, but on the FBI's own. The allegations have not been proved in court, but they have been fully detailed.



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Another alleged participant in the cover-up. Attended at least one meeting with Mitchell Dean, Magruder and Liddy, at which Watergate wiretapping plans were discussed. Directed, with Robert Mardian, the destruction of records at the reelection committee offices that could have connected the committee with Watergate. Received \$20,000 from Haldeman, reportedly to be used to pay off the arrested wiretappers.

Still working for Nixon committee.



GORDON STRACHAN
Former White House assistant to Chief of Staff Haldeman

Under investigation from top cover-up. Was issuer of some \$350,000 in cash from Haldeman to LaRue; the money reportedly was used to buy the silence of the arrested wiretappers. Assisted in the hiring of Robert Saboteur Donald Segretti. Was the White House contact for a number of agents, provocateurs working around the country helping to direct the disruption of Democratic campaigns.

Fired from post election job as general counsel of U.S. Information Agency last week.



HUGH SLOAN JR.
Former White House aide, former chief of staff of Nixon committee

Admitted to have received \$20,000 in Watergate wiretapping but claims he did not know who it was to be used. Directed, with Strachan, transfer of \$20,000 to Nixon reelection funds to FBI. Had seen White House files on the work of Jeb Magruder and the FBI but did not know who was the source of the information. Stated the entire White House cover-up was a conspiracy.

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DWIGHT CHAPIN
Former appointments secretary to President Nixon

Under investigation for cover-up. Admitted to the FBI, according to Gray, Senate testimony, that he arranged the recruiting and hiring of Segretti. Was Segretti's prime White House contact and, in turn, reported to Haldeman. Directed Herbert Kalmbach to pay Segretti between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

Resigned in January.



ROBERT MARDIAN
Former head of internal security division of Justice Department and later political coordinator for Nixon reelection committee

Ordered, with LaRue, the destruction of files at the Nixon committee offices. Refused to answer FBI questions about the destruction of documents. Knew of the phone taps of at least two reporters during the investigation of the Pentagon papers leak.

Resigned just after election.



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A Checklist of the Charges



JOHN W. DEAN III,
The President's chief counsel.

Another alleged participant in White House cover-up conspiracy. Was ordered by Nixon to conduct White House investigation of Watergate. Reported falsely that no White House aides were involved. Accused by Gray of having lied to the FBI about whether Wiretapper E. Howard Hunt had a White House-approved office. Also accused by Gray of suggesting that Gray destroy some Hunt files from that office. Attended meetings in February and March, 1972 with John Mitchell, Jeb Magruder and Gordon Liddy at which plans to bug the Watergate were discussed. Approved payments to keep the arrested wiretappers quiet, according to Magruder. Supervised payment of \$15,000 to the conspirators for their defense.

Resigned by Nixon last week.



JOHN MITCHELL,
Former Attorney General and head of President Nixon's re-election committee.

Under investigation by grand jury for helping cover up conspiracy. Magruder claims Mitchell approved Watergate wiretapping plans, then urged him to lie to grand jury about Nixon re-election committee's involvement in Watergate. Mitchell admits attending three meetings at which Watergate wiretapping and other political intelligence-gathering operations were discussed, but claims he objected to plans. Took no action to report participants after the meetings or after the break-in. His admission of the crime denied in a deposition for a civil suit that he had advance knowledge of Watergate bugging.

Resigned from Nixon campaign committee July 1, 1972, two weeks after Watergate arrests.



JEB MAGRUDER,
White House aide to Haldeman and brief head of Nixon re-election committee before becoming deputy director under Mitchell in April 1971.

Under grand jury investigation for cover-up. Admits attending meetings with Mitchell, Dean and Liddy at which wiretap plans were discussed. Charged that Mitchell gave the go-ahead for the bugging and burglary.

Also admits authorizing disbursement of \$235,000 in campaign cash to Wiretapper Liddy. Admits lying to grand jury about advance knowledge of Watergate. Told Justice Department investigators that Mitchell advised him to perjure himself. Knew about broad campaign of political espionage and sabotage.

Resigned post-election job as planning director of Commerce Department two weeks ago.



CHARLES COLSON,
Counsel to the President.

Knew in advance of Watergate bugging and approved it. Denied by Magruder. Denied by Colson that Hunt in 1971 as a White House consultant and supervised his work. Colson helped carry out unethical campaign tactics, including the hiring of demonstrators to pose as homosexual-backing McGovern. Also wrote a newspaper ad praising Nixon's mining of North Viet Nam harbors without divulging Nixon-committee sponsorship of ad.

Resigned in March.



MAURICE STANS,
Former U.S. Representative and head of the re-election committee's fund-raising drive.

Kept up to \$1,000,000 in cash in his office safe.

Urged donors to contribute in cash or securities and is fighting a lawsuit to reveal identity of contributors. Failed to report to the Office of Federal Elections up to \$15 million in campaign contributions—either in direct violation of law or in violation of the spirit of campaign disclosure law.



HERBERT PORTER,
Former White House aide in Haldeman's office.

Under investigation by grand jury for cover-up of the cover-up scheme. Magruder asked Liddy in December 1971 to develop an intelligence operation to spy on Democratic candidates and investigate possibility that extremists would try to disrupt Republican campaign rallies. Had access to a secret Republican campaign fund that went in part to the Watergate burglars.

Recently resigned.



HERBERT KALMBACH,
Richard Nixon's personal lawyer.

Raised money used to finance political espionage. Controlled campaign funds that may have totaled some \$500,000. Was authorized by Nixon committee to spend at least \$300,000 for security operations. Admits paying between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to Political Saboteur Segretti.

Dismissed as Nixon's lawyer, White House announced last week.



KENNETH PARKINSON,
Washington attorney hired by Nixon re-election committee. Defending Mitchell and Stans in civil suits related to Watergate.

Under investigation for cover-up. Reportedly arranged for use of re-election committee funds to pay arrested wiretappers for their silence. Made some of these payments through the late Mrs. Hunt, who, James McCord says, told him of this. Parkinson denies doing it.



DONALD SEGRETTI,
California lawyer and political saboteur.

Brought in by Chapin and Strachan, former University of Southern California students, to help disrupt Democratic campaign activities. Recruited at least ten agents, who infiltrated Democratic presidential campaign and executed a coordinated program of spying and disruption. Indicted last week for fabricating slanderous letter.