

The mouth behind the leaks is beginning to be identified. On Liddy only, as I recall. First Treasury and now (Time 9/11/72 but just got here today's mail) Justice: "G. Gordon Liddy looms large as the Republicans' most likely scapegoat...Hardly by coincidence, sources within the Justice Department told the press that Liddy, while still a White House coordinator investigating ^{leaking of the} the Pentagon Papers, had proposed placing wiretaps on reporters' ~~phones~~ homes and newspaper offices, including those of the New York Times. So Liddy could be riding for the fall-guy role as the man who 'without authorization' bugged the Democratic headquarters."

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 Odd how I don't remember any paper I've seen noting that Liddy and Hunt had the same alleged functions at the White House (where Hunt's time records make it improbable if not impossible) and that are both involved in the allegedly disapproved bugging. And at the same time, same place. THE place.

Both should have been fired for arrogance and stupidity. The tapping would likely be done (likely was done) by private operatives who turned over on the q.t. what they got. It isn't necessary for the feds to figure in something as hazardous as this, for them getting caught with a paper would be a big and unnecessary stink. But a private dick is different, and what is wrong with a good, red-blooded, patriotic American Dick giving to the loyal, dedicated, concerned and ever-vigilant FBI what he thinks may bear upon the commission of a crime? There is a case in court, which would have validated such patriotic assumption now, anyway. The arrogance is in these supposed professionals with long-time federal experience being at the scene of the crime. Unless there is something that hasn't yet surfaced, there would seem to be no need for them to have been inside the Watergate. And every reason for them not to. Or, qualification for the stupid again. It does suggest that these cats really like to live the James Bondery. It could almost be enough to explain the sue of Cubans, compadres.

Bad enough to be across the street.

That part, too, I would think, was leaked. Modern equipment is sufficiently sophisticated to be housed in luggage without the slightest interference with performance, so the motel staff need have no knowledge of what was going on at the H.J. In fact, for long periods of time it would require no attention at all. Once the room was tended for the day it was a snap, as it could have been at any time with the right kind of luggage.

With walkie-talkies known to have been used, their presence in The Watergate did not have to be from need to communicate.

Nothing had yet been carried out. Or an unidentified car was used. Either way, they seem not to have been needed as native bearers.

Perhaps they heard some stupidity on the w-t's or got a call for some kind of personal instructions or decisions. ?

Ordinarily, I'd assume that are to be the place they'd be most likely to shun. Even at that unGOply hour.

Except in terms of their personalities, their presence makes no sense based on what we yet know or I haven't thought of it. Which would seem to indicate something a bit bigger in potential than I've suggested. Or crazier.

Or both?