

52 Months In Jail End For Liddy

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Doors." They said they are not angry at Nixon for referring, in the Frost interview, to those involved in the Watergate operation as "nuts."

"I don't blame him for anything. He's gone through so much," said Tom.

The boys expressed little interest in the growing library of Watergate-spawned books, although Jim said, "Our mother has all the Watergate books upstairs. She always reads them."

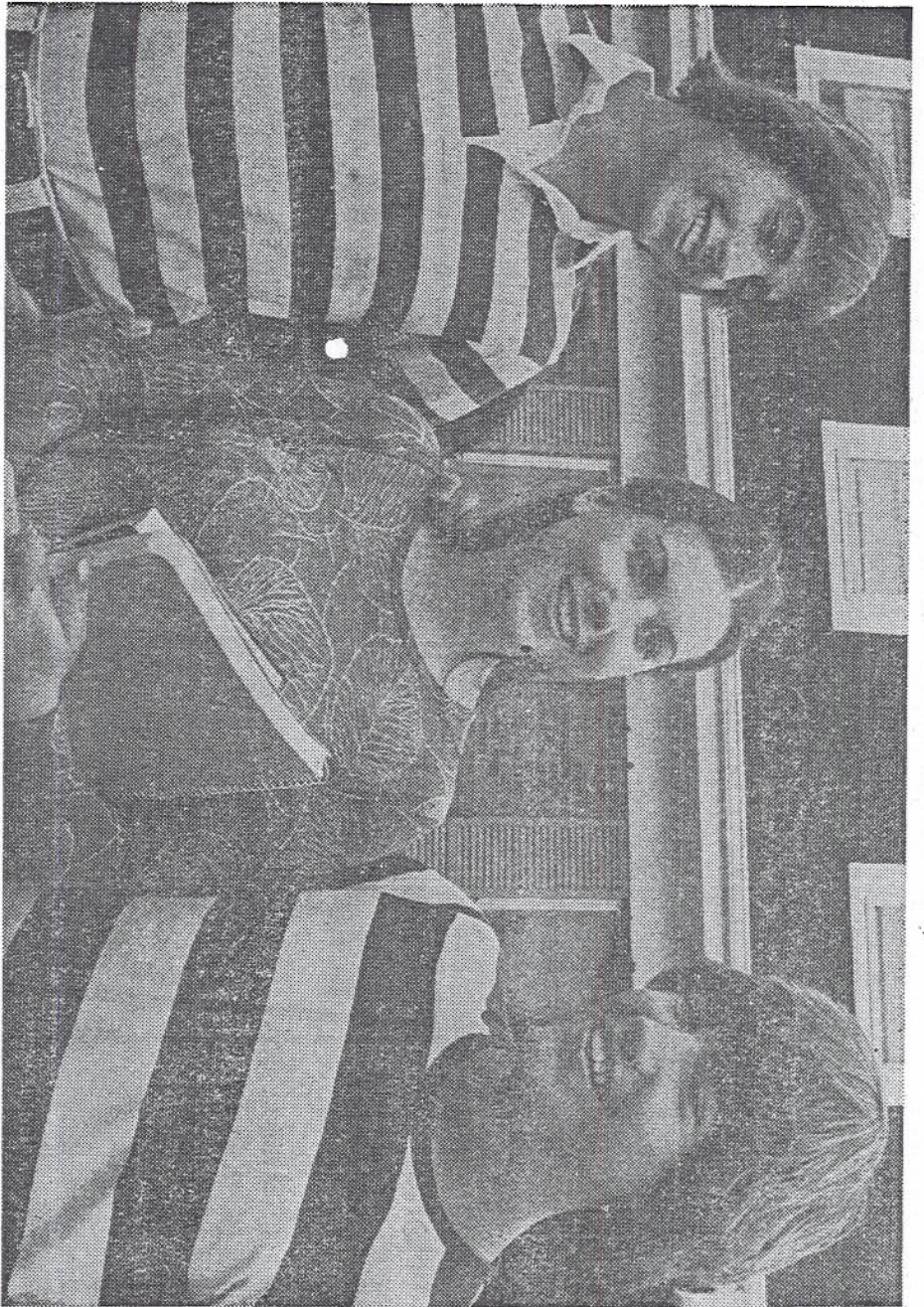
He ticked off some of the titles: "The Company," "Reborn," "Blind Ambition," "All the President's Men."

Had any of the authors who got caught up in the Watergate scandal kept in touch? "Charles Colson called mother once to see if he could help," said Jim. "He's 'the Reborn.'"

It has not been an easy time for the family, they said. But neighbors in the largely military area near Andrews Air Force Base and other supporters have been wonderful, they said.

The family visited Liddy regularly in prison, the boys said, each of the five children seeing him once or twice a month when they accompanied their mother to, first, Allenwood, in Pennsylvania, then to Danbury, where Liddy was transferred after reportedly becoming a leader in a prison protest.

The family also kept in touch by letter and telephone. "He calls every once in a while," said Tom, speaking as if his father were still in prison. "If we're lucky, we answer the phone be-



Jim, Grace, and Tom Liddy—three of the five children of G. Gordon Liddy—smile over father's release. In the background, Jim, Grace, and Tom Liddy—three of the five children of G. Gordon Liddy—smile over father's release.

fore giving it to Mom. He has a limited time, only two or three minutes, to talk."

Throughout his imprisonment, they said, their father continued to show an interest in their schoolwork and athletic achievements, clipping articles for them about swimming, physical fitness and cars.

Liddy ran in prison to stay in shape, they said. "He ran the mile in 5:30 and he's 46," Jim said proudly.

Their mother, Tom Liddy said, is "having it harder than we are..." "Holding the place together financially," Jim said, finishing his broth-

er's sentence. "There were ups and downs and she went through them all."

Sandy, 18, the oldest Liddy child, is putting herself through the University of Maryland where she is studying nursing. Tom has a scholarship to attend St. Alban's School in Northwest Washington, where he will live. He attributes the scholarship to his grades, swimming ability and presidency last year of the Oxon Hill Junior High School student government.

Jim attends Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville.

By James A. Parcell—The Washington Post

When their father went to prison on Jan. 30, 1973, there were only 15 family sports trophies in the living room cabinet. Now there are more than 50 and at least that many medals.

"When he comes home, it will be the first time he sees them," said Tom, whose long-term ambition is to study law (his father, once a prosecutor in upstate New York, is now barred from practicing law) and enter politics.

"It's just the way I've been brought up," he said. "I like the country a lot. I'll help it any way I can."