

# Second Nixon Aide Tied to 'Bug' Case

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At least 15 long-distance calls to President Nixon's re-election committee were placed from telephones in the Miami home and office of Bernard L. Barker, one of the five men arrested here in the break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters on June 17.

Records of the telephone calls, which have been subpoenaed by the FBI, show that they were made between March 15 and June 16—the day before the break-in.

Most were placed to a number in offices assigned to G. Gordon Liddy, a former White House aide who last month was quietly dismissed from his high post within the Nixon campaign organization.

Liddy, according to a variety of sources, was fired on June 28 as financial counsel to the Nixon organization. He was dismissed by John N. Mitchell — then chairman of the President's re-election campaign — for refusing to cooperate with FBI agents investigating the break-in and purported bugging attempt at

Democratic headquarters. Before serving as financial coun-

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sel, Liddy had been general counsel of the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

Liddy is the second person who has worked at the White House to be linked to the investigation of the incident. The other is E. Howard Hunt Jr., an ex-CIA official who, in 1971, worked for the White House with Liddy on Operation Intercept — the federal antimarijuana campaign along the Mexican border.

Yesterday there were these additional developments in the bugging attempt:

- Lawrence F. O'Brien, former Democratic national chairman and now chairman of the McGovern presidential campaign, charged the Nixon administration and the President's campaign committee with "a deliberate coverup . . . of the most outrageous act of political espionage in our history." Said O'Brien:

"The series of telephone calls from Bernard L. Barker to the Nixon campaign committee suggest but one conclusion: that John Mitchell's resignation on July 1 had nothing

to do with the alleged distress of his wife but everything to do with the fact that his operatives had been caught red-handed while attempting to spy on the Democratic Party."

- A spokesman for the Committee for the Re-election of the President confirmed that Liddy was "the expert around here on the campaign financing law." In that capacity, said the spokesman, Liddy was responsible for the legal advice that led to the formation of dummy campaign committees that collected \$10 million for the President's re-election without revealing the names of contributors.

- In papers filed in U.S. District Court, the Democratic National Committee asked that President Nixon's special counsel, Charles W. Colson, be compelled to make a deposition in the Democrats' \$1 million suit against the Committee for the Re-election of the President and the five men arrested in the June 17 break-in.

Colson, on whose recommendation Hunt was hired as a White House consultant, refused last week to make such a deposition until motions to

dismiss the Democrats' suit are ruled on. "Until these motions are decided there is no basis for proceeding with a possibly time-consuming deposition from a busy executive official," Colson's Justice Department attorney maintained in a separate motion.

- The Democratic Committee also asked the court to disqualify the Department of Justice from acting as Colson's counsel, on grounds that it constitutes a conflict of interest. Noting that Justice is in charge of the criminal investigation of the bugging attempt, the Democrats argued that "The Department . . . is not in a position to discharge that responsibility when it is also serving as the attorney for Colson, who is a possible defendant in the civil case."

Colson, the White House and the Committee for the Re-Election of the President have denied any involvement in the June 17 break-in, in which five men wearing surgical gloves were arrested and electronic eavesdropping equipment was seized.

In addition to Barker, a Cuban exile with extensive CIA connections, those arrest-

ed included James W. McCord—the security coordinator for the Nixon re-election committee, who is a former CIA official; an American soldier of fortune with CIA ties, and two other Cuban exiles who live in Miami.

The suspects were linked to Hunt when his name, phone number and the notations "W. House" and "W.H." were found in two address books belonging to the suspects.

Yesterday, sources close to the investigation confirmed that nine long-distance phone calls were made from Barker's phones in Miami to 333-6575 in Washington between March 15 and May 1. That number is assigned to the general counsel of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, in an office occupied by Liddy when he held that position.

Six other calls were placed between April 10 and June 16 from Barker's phones to 333-0362 in Washington, a number that since has been disconnected. Calls to that number are now referred to another number, located in the finance office of the Nixon re-election organization, whose offices are at 1701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.

According to Glenn J. Sedam Jr., now general counsel of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, Liddy changed offices when he became finance counsel on March 27.

Sedam, who said he has not been questioned by FBI agents about the case, said he could not explain three calls from Barker's phones to the general counsel's office after March 27. He speculated that they may have been answered by assistants who work in the general counsel's office.

"I certainly didn't take any of them," Sedam said.

Sedam, formerly a lawyer in the firm of Steptoe and Johnson here, served as assistant counsel under Liddy until the latter became financial counsel of the Nixon re-election organization.

Liddy, 42, was an FBI agent from 1957 to 1962. From 1962 to 1965, he practiced law in New York City, then served as an assistant district attorney in Dutchess County, N.Y.

In the fall of 1968 he ran unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination for Congress from New York's 28th District.