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Gordon Liddy: Novel Ideas

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Convicted Watergate burglar G. Gordon Liddy, who is out on bail pending an appeals of his conviction, has produced outlines for two novels. One is a spy plot. The other is a Western.

Both are currently in the hands of New York literary agent Sterling Lord.

Liddy, who has had one nonfiction article on patriotism published by Harper's and another commissioned for the magazine's January issue, has thus far resisted writing about his role in Watergate.

His novels, according to his lawyer, Peter Maroulis, have nothing to do with the events that brought him a 20-year prison sentence and a \$40,000 fine.

Meanwhile, former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew is devoting so much time to the role of "business consultant" that his novel is at least three months behind schedule.

Wrong Number

Bell Telephone Co. executives dialed the wrong number when they called Martha Mitchell recently to ask

her if she would like to do television commercials as their most satisfied customer.

She declined the offer, although her lawyer described it afterward as "lucrative." It would have been "downgrading," she said last week.

Mrs. Mitchell, who is the subject of a cover story in the current New York magazine, is miffed with the publication of a statement that could get her into trouble with Uncle Sam.

The article reports that a string of pearls she is wearing in accompanying photographs was "a gift from the emperor of Japan."

Under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act of 1966, the pearls would be government property if they had been given to her by a "king, prince or foreign state" while her husband was Attorney General.

Mrs. Mitchell insists that the magazine misquoted her, and says that the pearls were a gift from a private

Japanese citizen although she is unable to recall his name.

She never got any foreign gifts "that were worth a piffle," she says, except for "a carload of furniture from Philippine President Marcos."

Those several "rooms full" of rattan were delivered to her apartment in New York after her husband left office, she says, and she intends "to keep every stick of it."

Presidential Pool

The White House pool table which the Fords are enjoying so much was left behind by the Nixons as a gift for future First Families.

A "Sierra" model by Brunswick, the \$1,195 table was given to former President Nixon in 1970 by his millionaire friend, Robert Abplanalp.