

Jury Probes Lawyer in 'Bug' Case

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A former White House consultant and a lawyer who has represented the five suspects in the alleged bugging attempt at Democratic National Headquarters were linked yesterday for the first time to grand jury and FBI investigations of the incident.

The contents of one-time consultant Howard E. Hunt's desk in the old Executive Office Building included a walkie-talkie and an unloaded pistol and have been turned over to the FBI, the Justice Department said yesterday.

Douglas Caddy, the first attorney for the bugging suspects, was ordered to testify before the grand jury about his relationship with Hunt.

During an extraordinary court proceeding late yesterday, it was also revealed that Caddy has been questioned at least twice about the possible involvement of the Central Intelligence Agency in the case.

In that proceeding, U.S. District Court Chief Judge John J. Sirica rejected Caddy's contention that he did not have to testify about Hunt before the grand jury because he was Hunt's attorney.

According, Caddy was again brought before the grand jury, which is now hearing evidence in the break-in and alleged bugging attempt.

In making the disclosure about the gun and walkie-talkie found in Hunt's desk, Jack Hushen, chief spokesman for Justice Department, denied a report that plans of the Democrats' headquarters and an electronic listening device were also found there.

Hunt was first connected to the bugging incident of Democratic headquarters last week after his name and home telephone number were found in address books taken from two of the five suspects.

Hunt, who has since dropped from sight, was hired as a \$100-a-day White House

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consultant on the recommendation of the President's special counsel, Charles W. Colson, a behind-the-scenes political strategist.

Yesterday, Colson refused to discuss the matter but a secretary in his office said: "It's ridiculous, It's ridiculous, the whole thing."

Caddy has said he first became involved in the case when he received a predawn call from the wife of Bernard L. Barker, one of the five suspects.

According to Caddy, Mrs. Barker was instructed to call Caddy if she did not hear from her husband by 3 a.m. on June 17—the date of the break-in.

During 1969 and 1970, Caddy and Hunt shared an office at Robert R. Mullen & Co., a Washington public relations firm where Hunt worked as a writer until last week when he was suspended.

"Caddy and Hunt were good friends and the relationship continued after Caddy left here," Robert F. Bennett, president of the Mullen firm, told a reporter last week.

Caddy, 34, was one of the co-founders of the conservative Young Americans for Free-

dom and has since been active in conservative Republican activities, according to associates.

Hunt, a CIA employee from 1949 to 1970, is also the author of some 42 novels, including a recent mystery that is set in Blues Alley, a Georgetown jazz club that he patronizes, according to his publisher.

In the court hearing yesterday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Earl J. Silbert told the judge that Caddy was first called by the grand jury on Thursday.

When asked about Hunt, Caddy invoked the attorney-client privilege, refused to testify and then asked to leave the grand jury room and consult with his own attorneys, Silbert said.

Silbert told the judge that the grand jury is investigating for possible federal charges of "unlawful interception of wire communications" and "unlawful possession of wire devices", as well as for local burglary charges.

It was the first public disclosure of specific federal charges under consideration. Silbert did not say who might be subject to those charges.

He told Sirica that Caddy's conduct was "specious, dilatory and . . . an obstruction of justice."

Urban A. Lester, one of

three attorneys representing Caddy yesterday, told the judge that Caddy was refusing to testify because "Once you answer one question, that leads to another question."

Lester said he had met personally with U.S. Attorney Harold H. Titus Jr. to request that Caddy be provided in advance with a set of written questions he would be asked by the grand jury. The purpose, Lester said, was "to save the grand jury's time and this court's time." Titus rejected the request, Lester said.

He also asked Sirica for permission to go over the questions that might be asked of Caddy in advance in the judge's chambers, but Sirica refused.

Lester told the judge that the questioning of Caddy had gone far beyond his relationship with Hunt. He said Caddy had been asked whether he had worked for the CIA. Caddy answered that he had not, Lester said.

At the end of the hearing, the judge said, "I don't think I'm going to make any exception in this case," and ordered Caddy to testify before the grand jury. He said the questions put to Caddy were fair ones.

Since the arrest at 2:30 a.m.

June 17 inside the sixth floor suite of the Democratic headquarters in the Watergate, 2600 Virginia Ave., NW, the case has taken the following turns:

- One of the suspects, James W. McCord Jr., a former FBI and CIA agent, was identified as the security chief to the Committee for the Re-Election of the President and a security consultant to the Republican National Committee. McCord, now free on bond, was fired from both posts.

- The Democratic National Committee filed a \$1 million civil suit against the Nixon re-election committee and the five suspects—thrusting the incident squarely into the Presidential campaign.

- Metropolitan police and the FBI say they are looking for four more persons in connection with the incident.

- A diagram of the Miami Beach headquarters of Democratic presidential candidate Sen. George S. McGovern was among the items found in the suspects' belongings.

- Suspect Bernard L. Barker, a Miami real estate agent and CIA operative in the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion, attempted last year to obtain blueprints of the air condition-

ing ducts in the Miami Beach convention hall, according to a Miami architect.

- The Nixon committee reported that two relatively important campaign strategy memos were missing from its offices across from the White House, and charged that an unnamed Democratic Presidential candidate has planted two workers in the Nixon campaign committee. Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, the Nixon campaign chairman, is conducting an independent investigation into the entire matter.

- Suspect Frank A. Sturgis and Eugenio R. Martinez both attempted to secure housing in Miami recently for thousands of Young Republicans to attend their party's national convention in August. The Young Republicans have denied any knowledge of these efforts.

- Martinez, a Miami locksmith, was released from jail yesterday after posting a bond of \$4,000 cash. Sturgis, Barker and Virgilio Gonzalez remain in D.C. Jail.