

Liddy and Hunt Reportedly Fled During Bugging Raid

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Two former White House aides were actually inside the Watergate and narrowly escaped arrest at the time of the June 17 break-in and alleged bugging of the Democrats' headquarters there, according to a source close to the federal investigation.

The two, G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt Jr., carrying at least one walkie-talkie, were warned that police had arrived by a person or group acting as a lookout at the Howard Johnson Motel across the street, according to the source.

This new information coincided with a report by the Miami Herald that seven days before the break-in, a Miami photo shop processed film apparently made during an earlier break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters. The film showed correspondence belonging to former Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien, and some of it mentioned the name "Kennedy," according to the processor.

On the night of the bugging arrests, the five men found inside Democratic headquarters also were warned but were unable to elude the police, it was reported.

Hunt and Liddy, who had

been in a stairwell or corridor in the Watergate, may have gone directly to the motel across the street, the source said. Earlier reports had placed them in the motel at the time of the incident.

Liddy, a former FBI agent, was finance counsel to President Nixon's re-election committee at the time of the incident. He was later fired because he refused to answer FBI questions about the Watergate incident.

High Republican officials, including President Nixon's campaign manager, Clark MacGregor, have singled out

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pictures, Michael Richardson, told Gerstein's office that he first saw "deformed hands" in the photographs, holding "bundles" of onionskin copies of documents on a shag rug. Later, he said, he realized the deformed hands were ill-fitting surgical gloves. The men arrested inside the Watergate were wearing surgical gloves and carried photographic equipment and electronic eavesdropping devices.

Richardson testified that he developed 38 8-by-10-inch blow-ups from two rolls of 35-millimeter film, noticing immedi-

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Liddy as the party's primary connection with the incident.

A General Accounting Office report last week stated that \$114,000 in Nixon campaign funds were in Liddy's hands before being deposited in the bank account of one of the five men arrested in the Watergate.

Hunt is a former CIA agent, a prolific writer of spy novels, former White House consultant and friend of Charles W. Colson, a special counsel to President Nixon who specializes in sensitive, behind-the-scenes political operations.

Liddy and Hunt have repeatedly declined to discuss the Watergate incident or any other matter with reporters. A federal grand jury is still investigating the matter, and Republican officials, such as MacGregor, have said they expect indictments—but not against "key names."

Shortly after the June 17 break-in, police reported that some of the men arrested had registered at the Watergate in April and again in late May, and that Democratic headquarters had been broken into during that period.

In a copyrighted story by Knight Newspapers, writer Gene Miller, the Miami Herald reported today that films developed June 10 in a Miami

photo shop contained correspondence on the letterhead of the Democratic National Committee, about 90 per cent of it handwritten, first-name letters to and from former DNC national chairman Lawrence O'Brien.

According to the Herald story, the man who developed photographic copies of the DNC documents had been questioned by the office of the Dade County state's attorney—but not the FBI.

State's Attorney Richard Gerstein, who is conducting an independent Watergate probe to determine if Florida conspiracy laws were violated in the incident, confirmed details of the Herald report and said "there is a need for immediate response at the federal level to thoroughly investigate the situation and prosecute the wrongdoers."

Gerstein said the man who developed the photos told him Bernard Barker, one of the men arrested inside the Watergate on June 17, brought the film to a downtown Miami photo shop on June 10 for a "special rush job." According to sworn testimony taken by Gerstein, Barker was joined at the photo shop by Frank Florini, another of the men arrested inside the Watergate and a third, unidentified, man.

The man who developed the



G. Gordon Liddy (left) and E. Howard Hunt reportedly narrowly escaped arrest at the Watergate in June.

ately that they contained "the official letterhead" of the Democratic Party, with the word "chairman" across the top and "Democratic National Committee" underneath.

Asked by Gerstein's investigators if he remembered names mentioned in the correspondence, Richard said "O'Brien, Kennedy. There was a woman's name in two of the copied documents. It was the head of the woman's part of the Hubert Humphrey campaign." He did not recall her name but said, "There was practically a complete dossier, what she had been doing for the last year."

Gerstein said he believes the woman is Patricia Roberts Harris of Washington, formerly ambassador to Luxembourg, a supporter of Humphrey and chairperson of the credentials committee of the Democratic National Convention.

Mrs. Harris is a partner in the law firm of Freed, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Kampelman, located on the 10th floor of the Watergate building. That firm's office was broken into on April 28, but did not report the break-in to police until after the June bugging incident because nothing ap-

peared to be missing and employees had not associated the incident with political espionage.

The "Shriver" in the firm is Sargent Shriver, the Democratic vice presidential nominee.

In another development yesterday, Alfred Wong, chief of technical security at the White House for the Secret Service gave secret testimony yesterday to the Democrats' lawyer, Edward Bennett Williams.

The testimony is part of the Democrats' \$1 million invasion of privacy suit against the five men. A federal judge has ordered all depositions in the suit sealed with the court and kept secret pending his order.

John N. Mitchell, the former U.S. Attorney General and until July 1 the head of the President's re-election committee, is scheduled to give his deposition to the Democrats today.

This week more and more reports are circulating that implicate Liddy in independent, maverick-type operations.

For example, The Los Angeles Times reported yesterday that Liddy suggested the Justice Department bug the offices of the New York Times during the 1971 Pentagon Papers incident.

Liddy was working in the White House at the time for a group charged with the responsibility of investigating leaks to the news media.

The Los Angeles Times said that when the Justice Department lawyers learned that Liddy was serious, they stopped dealing with him.

In addition, sources in the Treasury Department where Liddy worked for Assistant Secretary Eugene Rossides, said yesterday that Liddy de-

veloped a reputation for making unauthorized decisions.

The sources cited the April 4, 1971, speech Liddy gave at the National Rifle Association's 100th anniversary where he praised the antigun control efforts of the NRA.

At the same time his boss, Rossides, was trying to control the so-called "Saturday night special" handgun.

After this, the sources said, Liddy was "effectively fired." In the summer of 1971, he went to the White House to

work on the Domestic Council, where he worked until joining the Nixon committee in late 1971.

CBS-TV news reported last night that Hunt invoked the Fifth Amendment's protection against self incrimination when he was asked many questions concerning his whereabouts on June 17.

Hunt gave his deposition on Tuesday. The leak about what Hunt allegedly said would be a violation of the court order requiring secrecy.