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But before the plea was accepted, Hunt said under questioning from the bench that the prosecution's opening statement outlining a broad operation of political espionage said to have been ordered by top members of President Nixon's re-election campaign was essentially correct.

Hunt is a former White House consultant.

U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica immediately placed Hunt under \$100,000 security bond and he was taken into custody by U.S. marshals while his attorneys tried to raise it.

Earlier, Hunt had pleaded guilty to three of the six counts against him in the government's indictment, in an understanding with the prosecution that three other counts would be dropped.

However, Sirica refused to accept the first guilty plea, saying the interest of justice demanded that all six counts be pressed.

Flanked by his attorneys, Hunt stood stony-faced before the bench and answered, "Yes, your honor," or "No, your honor," to a series of questions aimed at determining whether the second plea was voluntary.

At the request of U.S. Attorney Earl J. Silbert, Sirica added a question as to whether Hunt "accepts the essential accuracy of the facts" in Silbert's opening statement to the jury Wednesday.

"YVES, YOUR HONOR," Hunt answered in barely audible tones.

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The Watergate case gets its name from the fact that the Democratic headquarters were located in the Watergate building complex.

In his questioning, Sirica pressed for more background on the motives and instigation of the alleged conspiracy against the Democrats, asking Hunt, "how you got into this."

But defense attorney William O. Bittman said he feared an answer might prejudice the rights of the other defendants still on trial, and Sirica, who has previously expressed concern for getting to the source of the operation, dropped the line of questioning.

Sirica, reading point by point of the indictment, reminded Hunt that he faces up to \$40,000 in fines and as many as 50 years in prison.

Bittman objected to the \$100,000 bond imposed by Sirica, which replaces the \$10,000 bond he had been under since his arrest. He said Hunt, a 21-year former CIA agent, had been a lifelong government employe and was "not a man of means."

Bittman also reminded the court that Hunt's wife was killed in a recent Chicago plane crash, that Hunt had four children still living at home and that his health was poor.

However, Sirica pointed out that Hunt had used assumed names in the past, frequently traveled abroad and has friends and acquaintances there, and after the Watergate case first broke had flown to California under an assumed name and the FBI had been unable to locate him at that time.

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WASHINGTON AP - Watergate defendant E. Howard Hunt Jr., pleaded guilty today to all of the charges against him and said the prosecution's claim of a wide-scale political espionage operation ordered by top officials of President Nixon's re-election campaign was essentially correct.

U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica, who earlier had refused to accept a guilty plea to a reduced number of charges, accepted the second plea covering all six counts of conspiracy, burglary, bugging and wiretapping against Hunt in connection with last summer's break-in at the Democratic Party's national headquarters here.

In refusing to accept the first plea, Sirica said the government had a strong case on all six counts and that the interest of justice demanded that they all be prosecuted.

Sirica accepted the second plea after Hunt admitted guilt to all of the counts.

This leaves six men, including a former White House consultant and another man who held positions at the White House, the Treasury Department, and in the Nixon campaign, on trial in the Watergate case, which was a major issue in the 1972 presidential campaign.

Hunt, a former CIA agent, was also a former White House consultant for the Nixon administration.

Before the second guilty plea was accepted, Hunt said under questioning from the bench that the prosecution's opening statement

outlining a broad operation of political espionage allegedly ordered by top members of President Nixon's re-election campaign was essentially correct

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After a recess the trial resumed without Hunt at the defense table, and testimony began with police photographer Coleman Alpert the first witness.

Sirica gave the jurors no explanation of Hunt's absence except to advise them that they were "no longer to be concerned with the case of the United States against E. Howard Hunt."

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