

# Waterbug Call Is Confirmed By Ehrlichman

Washington, Feb. 8 (AP) — President Nixon's assistant for domestic affairs, John D. Ehrlichman, confirmed today he had received a telephone call soon after the Watergate break-in last June to inform him that some of the people involved had the name of a White House consultant in their possession. Ehrlichman told reporters, "I had a telephone call to say that metropolitan police had some people involved in the burglary who had in their possession the name of an individual who was on the White House staff."



John D. Ehrlichman

"The call came very late in the afternoon or the evening of the day following the episode."

In a deposition taken last summer, Charles W. Colson, a special counsel to the President, said he had received a telephone call from Ehrlichman and was told that E. Howard Hunt was implicated.

Hunt was one of five men who pleaded guilty at the recent Watergate trial to burglarizing the Democratic headquarters in the Watergate building on June 17.

### Connection Came Later

But Hunt, who had been a \$100-a-day White House consultant, was not one of the five men arrested in the Watergate, and his connection with the case was not known publicly until much later.

Ehrlichman said that he telephoned Colson to ask whether Hunt still was employed by the White House and he recalled that Colson did not know.

In fact, Hunt had not worked as a White House consultant for some three months.

The White House was consistently denied any direct knowledge of the Watergate break-in and bugging or any direction for such political espionage.

Three Democrats and three Republicans were named to the Senate's special committee to investigate the Watergate bugging case, headed by Sen. Sam. J. Ervin (D-N.C.). The Republican members are Howard H. Baker Jr. (Tenn.) Edward J. Gurney (Fla.) and Lowell P. Weiker (Conn.). The Democrats are Herman E. Talmadge (Ga.), Joseph M. Montoya (N.M.) and Daniel K. Inouye (Hawaii).