

Ehrlichman Talks to Grand Jury

Former White House adviser John D. Ehrlichman yesterday testified before the Watergate grand jury about the 1971 Ellsberg break-in which resulted in Ehrlichman's indictment last week on burglary, perjury and conspiracy charges.

His lawyer, John J. Wilson, said Ehrlichman would testify for two or three days about the June 17, 1972, break-in at Democratic headquarters at the Watergate and about the ITT antitrust case as well as the attempted burglary of the Los Angeles office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist on Labor Day weekend two years ago.

A crowd of mostly young people jammed a corridor near the grand jury room, awaiting the start of arguments in the Watergate tapes case, and many of them hissed loudly as Ehrlichman left after his morning testimony.

It was Ehrlichman's fourth appearance before a federal grand jury, and his first since he pleaded innocent last Friday to charges handed down by a Los Angeles County grand jury in connection with the Ellsberg break-in.

Ehrlichman lost a bid to have his latest Watergate grand jury subpoena quashed on the grounds that any fur-

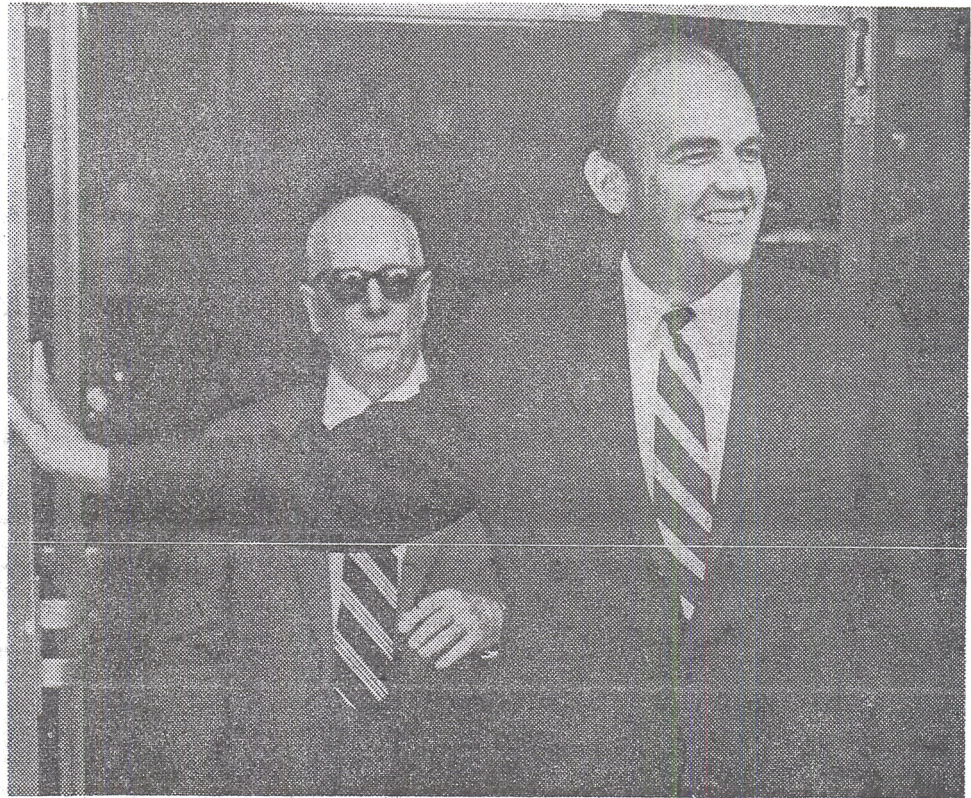
ther questioning amounted to harassment and oppression. But Wilson said Ehrlichman will not invoke 5th amendment guarantees against self-incrimination.

Ehrlichman, who resigned April 30 as chief domestic affairs adviser to President Nixon, will be testifying before two grand juries here—the original panel investigating the Watergate break-in and a second one impaneled last month which is looking into the ITT case, the Ellsberg break-in and other matters.

Wilson said that “as a mat-

ter of law” Ehrlichman could be indicted twice for his role in the Ellsberg affair.

The Los Angeles County grand jury indicted Ehrlichman and three other former White House aides, Egil Krogh Jr., David Young and Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy, in connection with the Ellsberg break-in by White House undercover agents. They were the so-called “plumbers,” directed by Ehrlichman on the President's orders to stop leaks of national security information.



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John D. Ehrlichman takes a lunch break between appearances at the grand jury.