

Ellsberg's Attorney Wants *F Post 5/1/73* Testimony Of Conspirators

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Daniel Ellsberg's chief attorney asked Monday that 11 present and former government officials be ordered to tell what they know about links between Watergate conspirators and an alleged burglary of an office containing Ellsberg's psychiatric records.

Attorney Leonard Boudin said he wants to find out whether the Pentagon papers indictment was part of a "political espionage" plot.

U.S. District Court Judge Matt Byrne took the request under submission but said affidavits probably would have to be taken from the men before they were called to testify at the trial.

The witnesses Boudin wants to call to a special hearing include former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, resigned Atty. Gen. Richard G. Kleindienst, resigned White House aide John Ehrlichman, former acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray and convicted Watergate con-

spirators E. Howard Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy.

Boudin also named former special presidential counsel Charles W. Colson; John W. Dean III, fired Monday as presidential counsel; Watergate trial prosecutor Earl Silbert; Justice Department criminal division chief Henry E. Peterson, and Robert C. Mardian, former assistant attorney general who became political coordinator of the Committee for Re-Election of the President.

The judge indicated he would be amenable to a request by Boudin to send jurors home and suspend trial testimony "until this situation is cleaned up, if it can be cleaned up."

Boudin said he felt revelations which would come out of affidavits and testimony "will mean the end of this case," but added the defense would not be satisfied with affidavits alone because "very frankly, we don't trust the government of the United States."

"I am certain," defense at-

torney Leonard Weinglass told the judge later, "that this case should not go to the jury under the cloud that now sits over it." Weinglass is Russo's chief attorney.

Weinglass also asked that Ehrlichman be questioned about his intentions when he contacted Byrne about possible appointment as FBI director last month.

Byrne announced from the bench before proceedings began that he had been contacted on April 5, had met with Ehrlichman at the Western White House in San Clemente and was introduced to President Nixon.

He said there was no discussion of anything related to the Pentagon papers trial and that he refused to consider the offer until the trial's end.

"The mere fact of the contact," said Weinglass, "raises some questions in our minds of what was in Mr. Ehrlichman's mind when he contacted the court."