

# Hunt Explains Ellsberg Caper

LOS ANGELES (AP) — E. Howard Hunt told the Watergate grand jury that a White House aide ordered the burglary of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office and that the Central Intelligence Agency provided a camera and disguises for the burglars, testimony released by the Pentagon papers trial judge revealed Friday.

Hunt told the grand jury that Egil Krogh, then an assistant to presidential adviser John D. Ehrlichman, approved the burglary and handed over money for the operation to G. Gordon Liddy. Liddy, like Hunt, is a convicted Watergate conspirator.

Hunt said that two Cubans were hired to break into the psychiatrist's office—the same Cubans who were arrested in the break-in at Democratic party headquarters in the Watergate complex.

However, he said that when the Cubans entered the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding on Sept. 3, 1971, they could find no files pertaining to Ellsberg in Fielding's file cabinets or desks.

Hunt said the two Cubans were accompanied into the psychiatrist's office by Bernard Barker, a former CIA agent, who also was arrested with the Watergate conspirators.

When the burglary failed to turn up anything, the group considered breaking into the psychiatrist's home but decided not to, Hunt told the grand jury. However, Hunt said he later asked the CIA's "psychiatric unit" to prepare a psychiatric profile of Ellsberg. He said this special section of the CIA, headed by Dr. Bernard Malloy, did provide a report in

response, but he did not specify its contents.

Hunt told a cloak-and-dagger tale of plans for the burglary which included nighttime meetings in so-called "safe" houses in Washington. At those houses, he said, he and Liddy met with the CIA men who gave them the camera which was to be used to photograph Ellsberg's psychiatric records and provided them with the disguises. He did not say what the disguises were, but said they were given false identification papers

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to use.

Hunt said that throughout the operation Krogh was aware of all developments. He said that following the break-in he and Liddy went to a Los Angeles hotel and at 4 a.m. they called Krogh to inform him the burglary had occurred. Later, he said, Krogh was given a full report.

Krogh resigned earlier this week as Undersecretary of Transportation.

At one point in his testimony, Hunt added to the mystery surrounding the burglary by saying, "I operated through Mr. Krogh ... but I had been given a sterile (phone) number at the Central Intelligence Agency to call when material requirements needed to be met." He said that was an unlisted number in which the billing could not be traced.

After the break-in, Hunt said he tried to tell former White House counsel Charles W. Colson about what had happened. But Colson refused to listen.