

Senator Hart. At some stage there was concern that the White House was concerned in this case.

Mr. Gray. I think there was the possibility fight on the first day, as I testified earlier this morning. when we in the FBI learned that Mr. McCord was the security officer of the Committee to Re-Elect the President, that right away posed the possibility that we had a very touchy situation on our hands, no question about it; we were very well aware of it.

Senator Hart. Aware that it might involve the White House/

Mr. Gray. Yes.

Senator Hart. In the course of the Watergate investigation, did you, from investigators under you in the Bureau, or through the U.S. Attorney's Office, have requests or recommendations that the Bureau interview particular people?

Mr. Gray. Very few of them, very few of them, because I turned the Bureau loose, as I testified this morning. I pushed the button. I said, "No holds barred, give it the full court press," and they didn't have to come around every time they wanted to interview somebody and ask me and they didn't do it, Senator.