

Senator Byrd. You indicated earlier that the Watergate break-in occurred on June 17. Did the FBI tell Mr. Ehrlichman on that day that Mr. Hunt was involved?

Mr. Gray. I do not know whether the FBI reported on that day to Mr. Ehrlichman that Mr. Hunt was involved. I will have to furnish that information for the record. I know that probably such information was furnished but as to the exact time I will have to determine that, Senator.

(Mr. Gray subsequently submitted the following document for the record):

Mr. Gray. Upon checking the record, I find that the FBI did not inform Mr. Ehrlichman that Mr. Hunt was involved. However, late in the afternoon of June 17, 1972, Mr. Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President, was contacted by the Washington Field Office to ascertain what connection Mr. Hunt had with the White House.

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Senator Byrd. In view of the fact that the FBI entered the case on the 17th, would it not be proper to assume that the FBI told Mr. Ehrlichman that Mr. Hunt was involved?

Mr. Gray. No, it would not be proper to assume that, Senator, because I gave instruction very early when I first talked with Mr. Felt, and I must make sure when that was. The instructions I gave to Mr. Felt were to hold this very, very, very closely, and that I think was probably late in the afternoon on the 17th or early on the 18th. But I have no reason to believe that the FBI would have made any notification to anybody without notifying me first. They just do not operate that way.

Senator Byrd. Mr. Ehrlichman was reported to have said, "We get a routine notification." Does that mean they could get a routine notification from the FBI if a White House staffer was in trouble?

Mr. Gray. No; I am going to have to look into that for you. I cannot answer that question under oath. I am going to have to look into that. I just do not know that information that specifically. But I will

find out and I will furnish it for the record.

(Mr. Gray subsequently submitted the following document for the record):

I find, Senator Byrd, upon checking the record, that when the FBI receives an allegation of a criminal nature against an employee of the Executive Branch, as a matter of routine, a senior official of that agency is advised. This includes the White House.

Senator Byrd. Can you inform the committee as to who first contacted the White House on the 17th?

Mr. Gray. On the 17th, assuming - I will inform you, Senator Byrd, and the members of the committee, who first contacted the White House and when and what they told them.

Senator Byrd. And who was contacted at the White House.

Mr. Gray. Right; I will inform the committee.

(Mr. Gray subsequently submitted the following document for the record:)

Senator Byrd, upon checking the record, I find that Supervisor John Ruhl of the Washington Field Office telephonically contacted Mr. Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President, between 6:00 and 7:00 pm, June 17, 1972, to determine Mr. Hunt's affiliation with the White House and to inform the White House that Mr. Hunt may be involved in this matter which was being investigated by the FBI. This was the first contact by the FBI with the White House concerning this matter.

Senator Byrd. Why did the FBI not look for Mr. Hunt until the 19th

Mr. Gray. I think we interviewed Mr. Hunt on the evening of the 17th, if my recollection is correct, and I will check that in the summary to make sure and if I am in error I will correct it. I think I am correct in stating that we interviewed him on the 17th.

(Mr. Gray subsequently submitted the following document for the record:)

Upon checking the record I find that at approximately 5:30 p.m., June 17, 1972, the Washington Field Office telephonically contacted Mr. Hunt to request an interview with him. He agreed and shortly

thereafter was contacted at his home by two Special Agents.

Senator Byrd. You interviewed -

Mr. Gray. That evening.

Senator Byrd. You interviewed Mr. Hunt on that evening?

- Mr. Gray. Yes; he was not doing very much talking.