

Senator Byrd. So when clearance was sought the green light was given?

Mr. Gray. That is right.

Senator Byrd. In every instance?

Mr. Gray. I am not going to answer that question that categorically because there may be some instance, even in my intensive review of this case and my participation in it, where I could make an error and I would rather reserve the answer to that so I can check it and give a statement for the record, Senator Byrd.

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

After checking the matter, I have been informed there were no leads the Agents wanted to follow which they were not permitted to do.

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After checking the record I find my recollection was correct and that no interviews suggested by SAC Kunkel were turned down.

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... At about 3:11 pm, Pacific Daylight Time, June 17, the Los Angeles Office briefed me in more detail. That briefing was to the effect that the Watergate security guard had found tape around two door locks, he believed a burglary was in progress, he called the police who apprehended five subjects in the Democratic Headquarters. The true identity of Barker, Gonzalez, Martinez and Fiorini was then known, but McCord had not yet been identified as the true name of the individual who when apprehended gave the name Edward Martin. That briefing gave information about the material which the subjects had in their possession such as lockpicking de-

VICES, surgical gloves, camera equipment, transceivers and a bugging device.

I was informed that search warrants were being issued for hotel rooms used by the subjects and for the vehicle they were known to be using. I was informed that attorney Michael Douglass Cuddy gratuitously appeared at the Metropolitan Police Department, Second District Headquarters, and stated he was representing the subjects who were in custody although the subjects had not previously made a telephone call to contact him or anyone else after they were in custody. ... At about 3:45 pm, FBIHQ called the Los Angeles Office to advise the identity of McCord and this was relayed to me by the Los Angeles Office shortly thereafter.

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Senator Byrd. Mr. Robert Houston, one of McCord's assistants to the Nixon Committee, in describing his duties under McCord said "Part of my instructions were to receive and record instructions from outside police forces. The information I got came from the FBI." Can you tell me what information was turned over to Houston or McCord or anybody else?

Mr. Gray. I do not believe any information was turned over to anybody.q...

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I find, Senator Byrd, upon checking the records, that on June 18, 1972, we first learned that one George Leonard, later identified as George Gordon Liddy, was registered at the Watergate Hotel with the group which was arrested at the Democratic Committee Headquarters. Extensive efforts, of course, were made to endeavor to identify Leonard. On June 28, 1972, Assistant Director Bates directed a memorandum to Acting Associate Director Felt which stated that at 12:50 P.M. that date, SAC Kunkel had called to advise that in tracing

telephone calls of Martinez and Barker, one of the numbers called at the Committee to Reelect the President was that of a Mr. Gordon Liddy. ...

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Senator Byrd. When did you first become aware of Mr. Howard Hunt's role in the case?

Mr. Gray. I think it may have been when I read the teletype regarding his investigation, regarding the fact that we interviewed him that Saturday evening, the 17th, but I will have to once again go to the record and provide you with the exact information, Senator.

Senator Byrd. And indicate -

Mr. Gray. From whom.

Senator Byrd (continuing). From whom the information came.

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

After checking the records, I find the FBI first became aware of Mr. Hunt's ~~in~~ involvement in this case during the search conducted on the afternoon of June 17, 1972, of the two rooms at the Watergate which were rented by the arrested men. During that search an envelope containing a country club bill of Mr. Hunt's was found. Also located during this search was an address book which belonged to Bernard Barker and contained the letters "HH, W. House," beside which letters was telephone number 202-456-2282.

A check of the field office indices showed we had previously conducted a Special Inquiry investigation on Hunt in 1971 at which time he was being considered for a job as Consultant to the White House. ..

Senator Byrd. Were you aware that Mr. Colson sent Howard Hunt to Denver last March to interview the ITT lobbyist, Dita Beard?

Mr. Gray. I was not, no, sir; I was not until the investigation, this Watergate investigation, developed and we found it out through that. I believe we found it out through that. I may be misspeaking myself and I had better check the record on that before I get on with that one.

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

After checking our records, Senator, I find that Mr. Colson was interviewed by Washington Field Office on June 22, June 26, August 29 and August 30, 1972. Concerning Howard Hunt's travel and reimbursement for travel expenses, he said on August 29, 1972, he was aware that Mr. Hunt traveled on a frequent basis, but that there were only two trips that Mr. Hunt made which were authorized by Mr. Colson. He assumed the other trips were on behalf of some other person. With respect to the trips that Mr. Colson authorized, one was to Denver, Colorado, in March, 1972, in connection with the "ITT case." Mr. Colson did not state what was learned by Mr. Hunt on this trip and the matter was not pursued by our Special Agents since there was no relationship between that trip and the Watergate matter and we were not investigating ITT.

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Department of Justice,
Washington, March 23, 1972.

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(a) All such inquiries are to be directly related to and material to the charge that the ITT antitrust cases were settled in return for an agreement on the part of ITT to contribute a sum of money to the City of San Diego in support of its bid to host the Republican National Convention in the City of San Diego, California.