

Senator Byrd. Were you aware of transmission by the chairman on March 10, 1972, of the Dita Beard memorandum to the FBI through the Justice Department?

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My personal recollection is that there were two transmittals of the Dita Beard memorandum to the FBI. The first one occurred on March 10, 1972 and the second was on March 15, 1972. Upon checking internally within the FBI, I am now aware of three transmittals of the Dita Beard memorandum to the FBI, the two mentioned above and a third one occurring on March 17, 1972.

Mr. Gray. Yes, sir. I believe it was because I believe that sometime during that period of time that memorandum was in the hands of the counsel to the President.

Senator Byrd. Referring again -

Mr. Gray. But I do not know how it got there. I would have to check the record to be certain how it got there, but I believe this is a correct statement.

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

Upon checking the record I found that the Dita Beard memorandum was made available to Mr. Dean, the counsel to the President, by me.

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Senator Byrd. Referring again to the interview between Mr. Hunt and Dita Beard, did the FBI question Mr. Colson as to the purpose of that interview?

Mr. Gray. I do not believe that we did. I do not believe - you mean, at the time of the ITT or the Watergate investigation, Senator, which one are you referring to?

Senator Byrd. Well, if you were aware at the time of the -

Mr. Gray. I have no present recollection of it and I am going

to have to refresh my recollection but I want to know which time you are talking about, either the ITT -

Senator Byrd. Well, in either case.

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Mr. Gray. All right, in either case, we will furnish that information.

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

After checking the record, I find that we did not question Mr. Colson as to the purpose of Mr. Hunt's trip to Denver, Colorado, since there was no apparent connection between that trip and the Watergate investigation and we were not investigating the ITT matter.

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As I indicated previously, Senator, when our Agents interviewed Mr. Colson on August 29, 1972, concerning Mr. Hunt's travel, Mr. Colson said one trip which he authorized Mr. Hunt to make was to Denver, Colorado, in connection with the ITT matter. Our Agents did not question Mr. Colson about that trip further since there was no involvement of the ITT case with the Watergate bugging. We do not know what questions were posed to Mr. Colson by the Assistant U.S. Attorneys who took a sworn deposition from him as ~~that~~ that deposition was for grand jury purposes.

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Senator Byrd. Would not the FBI think it important to know how and why Mr. Hunt was tied into both the ITT case and the Watergate case?

Mr. Gray. I do not know that the thought ever crossed our minds.

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Senator Byrd. And would it not be important now to know whether or not Mr. Hunt was connected with both of these cases?

Mr. Gray. I do not know. I am going to have to review on that because I cannot really see the tie-in of Dita Beard and Watergate. I am having trouble making that tie-in.

Senator Byrd. The tie-in is Mr. Hunt, No. 1, and Mr. Colson, No.

2, of the White House. Mr. Hunt was employed by Mr. Colson, on the recommendation of Mr. Colson, and worked for the White House.

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Senator Byrd. The Washington Post reported that Mr. Segretti had named White House aide Dwight Chapin as his contact in spying and sabotaging of the Democrats. Did the FBI question Mr. Chapin?

Mr. Gray. We did question Mr. Chapin, but that information from Mr. Segretti, I believe, comes from testimony that I should not be alluding to here, Senator.

Senator Byrd. Would it not be appropriate then, Mr. Gray, for you to supply the committee with the Watergate files before the committee proceeded any further?

Mr. Gray. I made the offer, Senator Byrd, earlier, to the committee

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Senator Byrd. Was information obtained from national security wiretaps insofar as you know, in connection with the FBI wiretaps given to Mr. Hunt and/or Mr. Liddy while they were working at the White House?

Mr. Gray. I do not know, sir.

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Senator-Byrd.--When-Judge

Senator Byrd. Did you ever discuss any matter relating to the investigation of the Watergate affair with anyone from the White House?

Mr. Gray. Yes, sir.

Senator Byrd. Who?

Mr. Gray. John Wesley Dean, Counsel to the President, and I think on maybe a half dozen occasions with John Ehrlichman.

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Senator Hart. Why I am bothered is that it was a leadpipe criminal action alleged in the news and it alerted you to call Dean in the White House but nothing beyond that.

Mr. Gray. No, sir; I made the decision, and I did not go beyond it because I saw no reason to go beyond it.