

# Nixon Claims He Did Not Ask Ellsberg Break-In

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon, in written statements, said under oath Wednesday he did not authorize the break-in to obtain psychological information about the man who leaked the Pentagon Papers.

In statements read by the judge to the plumbers trial jury, Nixon said he created a special investigative unit at the White House to plug leaks of vital national security material. But he denied authorizing a break-in committed by members of the unit—known as the plumbers—at the office of psychiatrist Dr. Lewis J. Fielding.

Nixon's comment in sworn answers to written interrogatories sent to him by the court Tuesday night, put a dramatic climax on the two-week-old trial of four plumbers defendants, including John D. Ehrlichman, Nixon's one-time chief domestic adviser.

The defense had rested a short time earlier after hearing Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger testify that he did not order or request a psychological profile of Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon Papers to the press and who had been treated by Fielding at the doctor's Beverly Hills, Calif., office.

The others on trial, G. Gordon Liddy, Bernard L. Barker and Eugenio R. Martinez, are charged in the conspiracy count.