

MEMO ON COVERSATION WITH VVAW LEADER

Bob Smith and I had lunch last Wednesday or Thursday with a young former VVAW leader. I believe his name was Forest Lindley. Prior to the '72 election campaign he had served as some sort of legislative liason for the VVAW and his office was housed in a building on the Hill which contained a couple of other anti-war groups. During the election campaign he went to work for McGovern. He believes he is the link between the anti-war groups and Senator McGovern which has been cited as the justification for the Watergate break-in. If so, it is quite a story, one which ought to have been contrived only by a master satirist. Lindley is 25 years, small, slender, and baby-faced.

Lindley told us of an \$80 a day consultant to the VA named Mel Stevens. Stevens actually had an office in the Executive Office Building working for Colson. He is now on an "extended driving tour" through Europe. Stevens went to USC as an udergraduate and is now believed to be enrolled there as a law student. Stevens is in his 30's, spent some eight years in the Navy, worked as an aide to Admiral Zumwalt. About May, 1971, after he made a speech against Kerry, leader of the anti-war veterans, Stevens started working for Colson. Lindley believes Stevens may know something about the plans to set-up the VVAW.

Lindley also mentioned a Michael Carr, a YAF leader in Florida who let the FBI use his house to spy on Scott Camil, who lived just across the street. Lindley says that Carr put Segretti in touch

with Doug Kelley. Kelley is now working with Senator Gurney. According to Lindley, Kelley was Segretti's contact with Rubin, the lawyer who has also showed up as counsel for Pablo Fernandez and Bremmer's brother.

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