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# Senate Committee Clears Krogh Of Complicity in Watergate Case

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Egil Krogh Jr., a 33-year-old White House aide and President Nixon's nominee for undersecretary of transportation, was cleared yesterday by the Senate Commerce Committee of any complicity in the Watergate bugging case.

As Sen. Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) noted, Krogh's Capitol Hill testimony yesterday was corroborated by a prior committee staff investigation.

Krogh testified he had helped set up a special White House unit to investigate in-

formation "leaks" in mid-1971. But he said he ceased any ties with the unit in December, 1971, long before several of its members, including Howard Hunt, were implicated in the 1972 Watergate bugging episode.

In contrast to Claude S. Brinegar, a Union Oil Co. executive nominated as Secretary of Transportation, Krogh spoke fairly freely to the senators about DOT policy.

He said he favored the controversial tapping of the highway trust fund for other uses

including mass transit, and supported the "concept" of Amtrak—the federally subsidized passenger train corporation.



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D.C. City Councilman Tedson Meyers testifies in support of Egil Krogh, right.