

Dennis Levitt, Pacifica Radio, reporting on Pentagon Papers trial from Federal Courthouse, Los Angeles:

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As a side note, the defense claims that David Young, one of the men who assisted Erhlichman in his investigation, does not work for the National Security Agency but rather for the National Security Council, and in fact for Dr. Kissinger.

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In his argument [for dismissal of the case] attorney Lenny Weinglass revealed more bombshell developments. He said that an Elmer Davis had been arrested for the burglary of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office. Weinglass said that Davis was arrested a month after the burglary and that he did not fit the description of the burglar given by the eyewitnesses to the crime. Further, according to Davis, the Beverly Hills police department tried to coerce him into making a confession and that, again according to Davis, he was convicted by perjured statements made by members of the Beverly Hills police department.

Weinglass had this reaction to the trial of Elmer Davis.

Weinglass [voice]: He's not the man who did it. They attempted to coerce him into a confession. They held the trial. I don't think honest testimony was given. Interestingly enough, the eyewitnesses who we were able to obtain were never called to his trial. The only witness against him was apparently a police officer, and Davis claims that testimony was perjured.

Q: Do you have any speculation on why that trial would have taken place the way it did?

Weinglass: No - you can draw your own conclusions.

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