

Ehrlichman To Testify In L.A.

Los Angeles

Former presidential adviser John D. Ehrlichman agreed yesterday to testify yesterday at the Los Angeles county grand jury's inquiry into the break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist. His appearance was scheduled for Friday.

Ehrlichman's agreement to appear here came just a few hours after Ellsberg told reporters he believes District Attorney Joseph Busch "is going after higher-ups" among President Nixon's former aides.

At a noon meeting with Busch, Joseph Ball,* a Long Beach lawyer representing Ehrlichman, disclosed that former domestic affairs adviser to Mr. Nixon "will voluntarily come in to testify."

Ellsberg was the first of 11 witnesses to testify yesterday.

The defendant in the dismissed Pentagon Papers case declined to comment specifically on his testimony but talked freely to newsmen regarding his views on the break-in at the office of his psychiatrist, Dr. Lewis J. Fielding, over the 1971 Labor Day weekend.

Fielding, another key witness in yesterday's hearing, refused to talk to reporters.

Ellsberg elaborated on his theory that the grand jury target will be "higher-ups" by pointing out "that immunity has been granted to almost everyone who actually participated in the burglary."



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This was in reference to Busch's agreement not to prosecute former White House consultant E. Howard Hunt, who has admitted he planned the Fielding break-in, along with fellow Watergate co-conspirator, G. Gordon Liddy, and the three Cubans who actually entered the office.

Ellsberg told newsmen he thought the motive of the burglary was "to politically smear" Democratic presidential candidates.

"The special investigations unit formed by Nixon was looking for anything that might be politically useful by being built into a scandal," Ellsberg said. "and while I was not associated with any of the candidates, I did have an association with some people who were . . ."

He said Fielding's files on him did not contain "anything I would be ashamed of or want to hide."

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*Joseph A. Ball was an assistant counsel to Warren Commission. Note on him, WR p. 477, says he was a member of the firm of Ball, Hunt & Hart, Long Beach and Santa Ana, Calif., and taught criminal law and procedure at University of Southern California.