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Young Reportedly Refused to Accuse Ehrlichman in Raid on Doctor's Office

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WASHINGTON, July 18 —

David R. Young Jr., a former White House aide, reportedly refused today to tell a House subcommittee whether his superior, John D. Ehrlichman, had approved a plan to burglarize the office of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist.

Subcommittee officials said that Mr. Young had refused to answer this and more than 40 other questions, invoking the Constitution's Fifth Amendment guarantee against being required to give testimony that might incriminate him.

Yesterday, another former White House aide, Egil Krogh Jr., also invoked the Fifth Amendment, refusing to answer some 50 questions, according to Representative Lucien N. Nedzi of Michigan, chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Intelligence Operations.

Mr. Krogh and Mr. Young had supervised the White House group called "the plumbers," set up in 1971 to investigate security leaks, including the release by Dr. Ellsberg of the Pentagon papers detailing United States involvement in Southeast Asia.

Government sources have said that Mr. Young has given Federal Watergate prosecutors a memorandum that he and Mr. Krogh reportedly sent to Mr. Ehrlichman in the late summer of 1971, outlining plans to burglarize the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, Dr. Ellsberg's former psychiatrist in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Although Mr. Young refused to answer subcommittee questions today, there have been reports that he is prepared to testify in court that Mr. Ehrlichman saw the memo and approved the burglary.

Mr. Ehrlichman, former domestic affairs counselor to President Nixon, reportedly told the Nedzi subcommittee on June 13 that he had approved "some sort of proposal" involving a White House investigation of Dr. Ellsberg.

Mr. Nedzi said that Mr. Ehrlichman testified that the memo "may have" included a proposal for going to the West Coast to investigate Dr. Ellsberg, but that he "did not recollect" anything in the memo referring to a break-in.

"He told us that he did approve a proposal, but the substance was not made clear," Mr. Nedzi said after Mr. Ehrlichman's testimony last month.

Mr. Ehrlichman, in a statement made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on April 27, denied prior knowledge of the Fielding office burglary in the fall of 1971.

Among other questions that Mr. Young was asked today by the subcommittee, but reportedly refused to answer, was who asked him to request the Central Intelligence Agency to prepare a psychological profile of Dr. Ellsberg.

Richard M. Helms, former C.I.A. director and now Ambassador to Iran, told a Congressional panel in May that he had reluctantly approved Mr. Young's request for the agency to prepare the profile in July, 1971.

Mr. Helms testified in open

session before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that he presumed that Mr. Young was speaking for the President in asking for C.I.A. assistance, but that he had never heard the President's name used directly.

"I reluctantly said, All right, let's go ahead and try it," Mr. Helms said, adding that he had been told by Mr. Young that the request had the backing of Mr. Ehrlichman and Henry A. Kissinger, the President's special assistant for national security affairs.

Mr. Helms said that the C.I.A. had prepared two profiles on Dr. Ellsberg. The first was considered inadequate by the White House. The final one, Mr. Helms said, was delivered to the White House on Nov. 12, 1971.

While refusing to answer questions today about the Watergate affair, Mr. Young readily responded to questions about his personal background. He joined the White House in 1970 as an assistant on the staff of Mr. Kissinger and was transferred to Mr. Ehrlichman's Domestic Affairs Council in 1971. He resigned from the White House on April 30 of this year.

'Fathers' of the Bride

OSWEGO, Kan. (AP)—It was all family when Nancy Therese Eck and Steve Alec Denton were married here. Four uncles of the bride, all Catholic priests, took part in reading of the nuptial vows. The four included: The Rev. James Spexarth, Parsons, Kan. and the Revs. Rhinard Eck, Ivan Eck and Vincent Eck, all of Wichita, Kan.



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David R. Young Jr., left, former White House aide, with his lawyer, Anthony Lapham, after appearing before a House subcommittee investigating alleged White House efforts to involve the C.I.A. in the Watergate cover-up.