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Two persons—one with a black mask and the other wearing sunglasses and an ill-fitting red wig—picketed in front of the White House yesterday.

It was all out of sympathy, they said, for convicted Watergate burglar G. Gordon Liddy.

James Morris ("I work for the government," he said) and Janet Argentiero ("Secretary. Private industry," she said) described Liddy as "the most colorful character in government."

They admitted that their picketing was based on a tongue-in-cheek motive.

"We were just sitting around with friends talking about the hearings and agreed that Liddy was the one," Morris, 30, said.

"Of all the guys involved in this thing, Liddy's the one who you most want to go out and have a beer with," he added

They marched from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. holding four signs. "Free Gordon Liddy," one said. "Brave. Brilliant, Bizarre," was written on another.

Their route in front of the White House, for which they had a one-hour demonstration permit, was soon cluttered with White House tour customers. One of them Michael Brewer, 14, of Tacoma, Wash., stopped the pair to take a picture.