

Ehrlichman's Testimony Is Hit Again

Washington

Clark MacGregor, the former director of President Nixon's political organization, has sharply disputed suggestions that John D. Ehrlichman pressed for full disclosure of the Watergate affair during the presidential campaign last year.

MacGregor, now a vice president of the United Aircraft Corp. here, said in sworn pretrial testimony made public last week that Ehrlichman, Mr. Nixon's former chief adviser on domestic matters, "surely was no champion of disclosure."

"It is utterly ridiculous for John Ehrlichman, who had a great deal of information that I didn't have, to be calling on me to disclose information that I didn't possess but which was known to him," MacGregor said.

His recollection of events during the campaign was given in a deposition taken July 20 in connection with civil litigation resulting from the break-in of the Democratic National Committee's offices at the Watergate complex on June 17, 1972. A transcript of the testimony became available Saturday.

Ehrlichman, who resigned last April 30 and who spent much of last week testifying before the Senate Watergate committee, gave his own deposition in the lawsuit last May.

In his deposition, Ehrlichman said that after July 1, 1972, when MacGregor replaced former Attorney General John N. Mitchell as campaign director, he proposed a "definitive statement" on the Watergate break-in.

"I urged that we make a vigorous effort to determine whether anybody else might be involved at that time," Ehrlichman testified. "Four reasons that I can't assign, that was not done and the matter went by the board."



CLARK MacGREGOR
Testimony was released

QUESTIONING

Under questioning by Maurice R. Dunie, an attorney for the Democratic National Committee, MacGregor said that if Ehrlichman ever made such a suggestion, "it was really playing back to me what I had been saying right along." MacGregor added:

"I don't recall that Ehrlichman was a champion of disclosure during this particular period. Ehrlichman never, for example, told me about the Ellsberg psychiatrist's office break-in.

"Ehrlichman never told me about the late June meeting . . . between Patrick Gray, John Dean and John Ehrlichman in Ehrlichman's office. Ehrlichman never told me about his meeting with the CIA.

"It appears as though John Ehrlichman had a great deal of information which was available for disclosure which was unknown to me."

BURGLARY

The Los Angeles offices of Dr. Lewis Fielding, Ellsberg's former psychoanalyst, were burglarized — allegedly under White House direction — in September, 1971. Ehrlichman and Dean, then counsel to the President, passed documents taken from a Watergate conspirator's safe to Gray, then acting director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the papers were later destroyed.

Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman, former chief of

the White House staff, met with officials of the Central Intelligence Agency in an alleged effort to persuade the CIA to limit the Watergate investigation.

SESSIONS

"As the events that I have just recited, plus other events in which Ehrlichman was in some fashion a participant, have unfolded," MacGregor testified, "I have reflected on the almost daily sessions I had where Ehrlichman and I were present." MacGregor added:

"I don't remember that he talked about disclosure except to parrot my words, . . . to the effect that if I hadn't been told all that I can disclose about this matter, I ought to be told. I think when I would make those statements people would generally nod, and I think probably Ehrlichman was among them."

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