the others involved in the operation were "on leave" from the CIA where Hunt was supposed to be working at the time.

"I knew ten years ago what was going on," Goldwater said, asserting that friends in the CIA and the FBI had told him then that he was under surveillance by both agencies. Goldwater said he had "no idea" what the investigation involved since he had no indication it delved into his private life, financial affairs, "home life or anything like that."

Goldwater said he learned only two or three days ago of Hunt's proposed involvement.

At the time, Goldwater said, "I just assumed it was one man or two men assigned at the direction of the President . . . It never bothered me. I never got upset about it. Oh, I guess it should have but, knowing Johnson as I did, I never got upset about it."

Hunt's appearance before the Senate Watergate committee's staff was part of an ongoing investigation by the Republican staff members of the possible role of the CIA in the Watergate affair. The committee's vice chairman, Senator Howard H. Baker Jr. (Rep-Tenn.), has been directing this inquiry for several months.