

# Barker and Martinez Virtually Penniless as Trial

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MIAMI, June 25—Bernard L. Barker and Eugenio R. Martinez, who go on trial in Washington tomorrow, accused of breaking into the office of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist, left their hometown here this afternoon virtually penniless.

In September, 1971, when they broke into the office of Dr. Lewis J. Fielding in Los Angeles, they stayed at the Beverly Hills Hotel. Tonight, and for the next five weeks that the trial is expected to last, they will live in a modest boarding house in Washington in a \$22-a-week room.

"We don't even have enough money to pay for our meals," said Mr. Barker, "and although our wives, who are working here, will be able to send us some, we will have to find jobs as night watchmen just to keep on going."

Along with Mr. Barker and Mr. Martinez, John D. Ehrlichman and G. Gordon Liddy, former White House aides, will be on trial.

The two Miamians, interviewed before they left for

Washington, said they were neither bitter nor downhearted. "I am the smallest wheels in the huge machinery of Watergate," as Mr. Martinez has put it, "we have gotten the sticky end of the wicket."

"What adds insult to injury," Mr. Martinez continued, "is the fact that Howard H. Hunt who recruited us for the Los Angeles job has been granted immunity, while we might get additional jail terms."

### 'What Can We Do?'

"I spent 15 months in jail and Barney, 13 months, more than anyone else in this affair," Mr. Martinez said, "and we shall stand trial owing our lawyer over \$40,000 and without funds for a proper defense. But what can we do? We have to accept that reality."

The two men had been convicted and jailed in the break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington on June 17, 1972.

According to an announcement today by the office of the special Watergate prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, an attempt at plea bargaining between the prosecutors and Daniel Schultz,

the attorney for the two Miamians, collapsed at the last moment on a technicality.

"I have faith in our system of justice," Mr. Barker said, "and I hope that the jury will look not only at our actions but also at our intentions, which were patriotic and never mercenary."

Mr. Martinez whose air fare to Washington was paid by Max Lesnik, editor of Miami's Replica magazine, said he was not blaming anybody for his plight.

"I only blame myself for not having analyzed the situation

properly at the time of our recruitment and before carrying out Howard Hunt's orders," he said and went on:

"But for me Hunt was the authority. Hunt was the White House. And when he asked me to do something I didn't question his orders as I had never done so during my 13 years of work for the United States Government."

Mr. Martinez, who had worked for the United States Central Intelligence Agency until two days after the Watergate break-in, reportedly participated in hundreds of missions against

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the Government of Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba displaying, according to Cuban exiles, exceptional personal courage.

"When we were recruited by Hunt for the Los Angeles operation," Mr. Martinez said, "I remember that we had felt being honored for having been chosen to carry out such an important mission as it was then presented to us. And the ironic thing was that we thought the mission was a failure because we didn't get what we were told to look for. But Hunt was content and we celebrated with champagne that night."