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Liddy is exposed, dimly

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WASHINGTON—It seemed curious that E. Howard Hunt Jr., a former CIA agent, would take a potentially incriminating picture of G. Gordon Liddy puffing a cigar outside the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist while they were casing it in preparation for burglarizing it.

The picture later was obtained by the prosecutors.

On Friday Hunt was testifying at the trial of John Ehrlichman and others in connection with the break-in, and Judge Gerhard Gesell asked him why he took it.

"Well, sir, the rationale was the following," Hunt replied.

"If a person is seen taking pictures of a building, it may arouse the suspicions of possers-by. If there is a human subject, passers-by will think it's natural."