

2 HUNTS INDICTED WITH 5 IN DALLAS

Foreman Among 7 Charged in Wiretap Inquiry

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DALLAS, July 21 — Nelson Bunker Hunt and W. Herbert Hunt, sons of the late oil billionaire H. L. Hunt, the Houston lawyer Percy Foreman and four other men were indicted by a Federal grand jury tonight on charges of obstructing justice and impeding an investigation into a wiretap case involving the Hunts.

An 18-member grand jury handed up the nine-count indictment in the court of Federal District Judge Robert W. Porter, ending an 18-month investigation. No one named in the indictment was present.

Named along with the Hunts and Mr. Foreman were Ralph Shank, the Hunt family's personal attorney; B. H. Timmins Jr., a former assistant United States Attorney here who is now in private practice; Edward J. Hudson, a Houston oil-field machinery company owner and close friend of the Hunts, and Charles Tessmer, a Dallas criminal lawyer.

Obstruction Charged

All seven men were alleged to have conspired to obstruct the investigation of the wiretapping case and the Hunt indictments. The investigation subsequently resulted in the indictment of the Hunt brothers for violations of Federal wiretapping laws. The indictment said the group attempted

to influence potential witnesses in the earlier case through bribes and veiled threats of physical harm and death.

The Hunts were named in all but two of the counts, while Mr. Foreman was named in three of the counts.

The wiretapping case stems from the 1970 arrests of two Houston men, Jon Kelly and Patrick McCann, in Richardson, a Dallas suburb, and seizure of wiretapping equipment from their car.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Justice Department entered the investigation and Mr. Kelly and Mr. McCann, along with a third man, W. J. Everett, were indicted for wiretap violations. Mr. Kelly and Mr. McCann were tried and found guilty and sentenced to three years in prison in 1972 for wiretapping the home phones of three Hunt employees. Mr. Everett pleaded nolo contendere and was placed on probation.

Trial in September

The Hunts were indicted last summer for their part in the wiretap case, and their trial is slated for September in Lubbock, Tex., where it was moved on a change of venue.

The indictments handed up today allege that the Hunts promised Mr. Kelly, Mr. McCann and Mr. Everett amounts ranging from \$800 to \$1,250 per month while in prison if they did not testify before a grand jury concerning the Hunts' involvement in the wiretapping case.

Two of the counts charge that Mr. Foreman accepted \$100,000 in two \$50,000 payments from Mr. Hudson to represent Mr. Kelly and Mr. Everett and to guarantee that neither man would testify before the Federal grand jury in Dallas in 1972.