

Former CIA

Director's Complaint

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General Robert E. Cushman, former deputy CIA director, said yesterday he was "put upon" by Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt when he was talked into supplying paraphernalia for the burglary at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

Cushman, now commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, made the comment to newsmen after he testified before a county grand jury about the Central Intelligence Agency's role in the burglary.

Cushman said that if the name of Ellsberg had been mentioned in any of his discussions with Hunt or White House aide John D. Ehrlichman, he would have refused requests for help. "This would have obviously been a case where there was some police aspect, because Mr. Ellsberg was on trial," said Cushman.

He acknowledged again that he authorized Hunt's access to disguises, false identification papers, a wig and a secret camera, all provided by the CIA.

Hunt has said in grand jury testimony released at the Pentagon papers trial that the CIA materials were used in connection with the Sept. 3, 1971, break-in at the Beverly Hills office of psychiatrist Lewis Fielding, who had treated Ellsberg.

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