Two of convicted Watergate burglar E. Howard Hunt's children think he may have "tricked" them into moving out of the family home in Potomac.

Lisa, 23, and St. John, 19 are now living in a rented bungalow in Kensington. They moved recently after being notified by one of their father's lawyers that the Hunt house on River Road, "Witch's Landing," had been sold.

Last week, however, they told friends that their father has been living there himself since he was released from prison on bail pending outcome of an appeal. He went first to Florida to visit their younger brother, David, who is now making his home with his godfather.

Neither Lisa nor St. John had heard from their father until a few days ago, although he had been released Jan. 2.

The alienation within the Hunt family is ironic. Hunt, appealing to Judge John J. Sirica for mercy before sentencing, pleaded that his four motherless children. not be left fatherless as well.

"My family desperately need me at this time," he said, adding: "I have lost everything-friends, reputation-everything a man holds dear except my children, who are all that remain of a once-happy family." © 1974, The Washington Post/Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate, Inc