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WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—The judge in the Watergate case today decried the failure of the 16-day trial to get to the bottom of the events surrounding the breakin and bugging of Democratic National Committee headquarters last June.

Chief Judge John J. Sirica of United States District Court said from the bench that the trial failed to answer all questions concerning what happened and who had knowledge of the bugging and related events.

Sirica's comments were made during a bail hearing for two former Nixon reelection campaign aides found guilty Tuesday by a jury of conspiracy, burglary, and violations of federal bugging and wiretap laws.

THE JUDGE SET bond at \$100,000 each for James McCord Jr., former security chief of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, and G. Gordon Liddy, former finance counsel of the committee.

Liddy's lawyer, Peter Maroullis, said his client would not be able to make bond and requested, at the judge's suggestion, that Liddy be held in the federal minimum security prison at Danbury, Conn., pending sentencing.

McCord's attorney said he would attempt over the weekend to raise the necessary money for McCord's release.

During the trial, Judge Sirica said, he attempted to bring out all the facts because a trial judge should "seek out the truth."

"I'VE BEEN accused of being an investigator, a prosecutor, and a judge," Sirica said. "One said I'm a fair judge, another said that I'm a tough judge. That's all right. If I'm tough, I hope I'm fair."

It is the judge's job to question witnesses if he doesn't think the right questions have been asked, Sirica said.

"I don't think we should set up here like a bunch of tin composites," he said.

Sirica disclosed for the first time that he has asked the government to call a list of persons before the grand jury. The request was made Jan. 24, about two-thirds of the way thru the trial.

"I made these suggestions after hearing testimony from the lips of witnesses on the stand and after listening to tapes of Mr. [Alfred] Baldwin with the Los Angeles Times," he said.

BALDWIN, A KEY witness, admitted under oath to monitoring wiretapped telephone conversations. Prior to the trial, he gave a tape recorded interview to the Times. The tapes were subpoenaed by Sirica but never offered in evidence.

Sirica told the prosecutors today he wanted the names on the list called personally before the grand jury and not simply required to submit affidavits.

Maurice Stans, former commerce secretary and finance chairman of the Nixon committee, and John Mitchell, former attorney general and Nixon campaign director, reportedly submitted affidavits to the grand jury.

Sirica also said he had

"grave doubts" whether Hugh Sloan, former treasurer of the Nixon committee, had testified truthfully.

SLOAN HAD testified that he had no knowledge of what Liddy was doing despite the fact he issued Liddy \$195,000 in campaign funds for his activities.

Sirica's comments came after he dressed down McCord's attorney, Gerald Alch, for disclosing in his appeal of McCord's conviction comments made by Sirica in chambers and ordered sealed by the judge.

"I'm strongly considering referring the matter to our grievance committee," Sirica told Alch. "Your conduct deserves censure."

Alch apologized to Sirica, claiming he became confused and disclosed the sealed comments in error.

Sirica said he hoped planned hearings on Capitol Hill will develop some answers.

"I WOULD HOPE the Senate committee is granted the powers by Congress by a broad enough resolution to try to get to the bottom of what happened in this case," he said.

Sirica's mention of the investigation came a day after Sen. Edward Kennedy (D, Mass.) reported he had uncovered evidence that "strongly" indicates White House aides were involved in a wide range of "espionage and sabotage activities" during the 1972 campaign. Aides to Kennedy have been investigating the Watergate incident in preparation for the hearings.

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