

Liddy's Fight in Jail Cell

Washington

G. Gord Liddy, sentenced Friday to a minimum of six years and eight months in prison for his part in the Watergate bugging conspiracy, was involved in a fight with his cellmate yesterday as he prepared to appear before a grand jury.

His attorney, Peter J. Maroulis, said: "There was an altercation, and a couple of blows were struck."

Liddy apparently suffered a cut on his ear and was taken to a doctor.

He had been scheduled to

be the first witness before the Watergate grand jury that reconvened Monday. But when he was brought to the courthouse in jail house denims, his attorney objected.

Liddy was returned to the jail and changed clothes.

Maroulis said a cellmate had taken Liddy's hairbrush and, when Liddy took it back, the fight ensued.

"Gordon's a scrapper," the lawyer said. "He wouldn't let anybody step on him."

Reporters asked him for comment on a letter to Chief

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica by Liddy's co-defendant at the trial, James W. McCord Jr.

"Who's Mr. McCord?" Liddy asked.

Liddy also was asked if he had heard that since Friday McCord was reported to have said Jeb Magruder, the Nixon re-election campaign's deputy director, and John W. Dean III, the President's counsel, knew in advance of what was going on in the Watergate.

"You hear all kinds of bull in prison," Liddy replied.

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