

Friend Says Watergate Witness Lied

Washington

In depositions filed in a civil suit arising from the Watergate affair, co-workers of Sally Jackson Harmony have disclosed that she told them she had perjured herself to protect her former boss, convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy.

Mrs. Harmony, scheduled to be the lead-off witness before the Senate select committee investigating the Watergate scandal today, was Liddy's secretary at the Committee for the Re-election of the President from March, 1972, to late June of last year when he left the committee.

According to a deposition given by Eyeline Hyde, assistant to Hugh Sloan, on May 23, Mrs. Harmony and a group of women working "in the finance area" of the committee met for dinner at Mrs. Hyde's home about July 16, 1972.

The talk got around to Watergate and some of the women's testimony before the grand jury.

One woman who had appeared before the jury said she had told the truth, but Mrs. Harmony stated, according to Mrs. Hyde, that "she could not do things that way, there was a reason for it she could not tell it as it was."

Another co-worker, Arden Chambers, who attended the party, also said that she couldn't "remember the conversation exactly, but it was to the effect that Sally Harmony said 'for Gordon, I perjured myself.'"

The civil suit was brought by the Democratic National Committee against the Com-

mittee for the Re-election of the President, the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, the seven men convicted earlier this year in connection with the break-in at party headquarters, and against re-election officials. Total damages of \$6.4 million are being asked by the Democrats for alleged wiretapping, trespassing and invasion of privacy violations.

Mrs. Hyde said later in her deposition that Mrs. Harmony went to Florida two weeks before the Republican National Convention began last summer. "The implication was that this was a reward to her from people in the committee for what she had done thus far in testimony," Mrs. Hyde said.

Asked about her trip to Florida, Mrs. Hyde said Mrs. Harmony replied, "I need it. They owe it to me."

Mrs. Harmony would not comment yesterday.

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