

Kissinger and The Plumbers

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FOREIGN POLICYMAKER Henry Kissinger led President Nixon to form "The Plumbers," the para-police squad that burglarized the offices of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist and engaged in other extralegal activities.

This is the story former White House aide Charles Colson has given the Watergate prosecutors in private. As Colson related it, Kissinger got the President so "psyched up" over security leaks that he authorized The Plumbers to plug the leaks. Afterward, Kissinger tried to run The Plumbers squad through his aide David Young, claimed Colson.

Colson described Kissinger as approaching "near hysteria" over the leak of the Pentagon Papers. One reason for his excitement, Colson suggested, was that the chief leaker, Daniel Ellsberg, formerly had worked for Kissinger.

Sources close to Kissinger confirmed he had been alarmed over the Pentagon Papers leak, which he feared could have "disastrous consequences." No doubt Kissinger told the President of his concern, said these sources.

They denied, however, that Kissinger had anything to do with the formation or operation of The Plumbers. The squad was formed, they recall, while Kissinger was on his secret mission to Peking. Young joined the squad and came under White House aide John Ehrlichman's control while Kissinger was away, insist these sources.

Kissinger has searched his logs, they

say, to check whether he had any contact with Young after his former aide became a Plumber. After checking both his logs and his memory, Kissinger is quite sure he never visited or spoke with Young after The Plumbers went into business

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THE NATION'S most outspoken foe of psychosurgery, psychiatrist Peter Breggin, has been warned that several ex-convicts are out to "get" him. Apparently, they believe in the psychosurgery he opposes to probe the brain and modify violent behavior. Breggin calls this "partial murder" because it blunts the patients' personality.

The warning that ex-inmates might seek reprisals against him, Breggin says, came from California psychosurgeon Hunter Brown, who claims to have performed 300 behavioral operations. Breggin quotes Brown as telling him: "I am in close correspondence with some prisoners at San Quentin, sixty of whom wish to have psychiatric surgery. The word has gotten around that the first man who is paroled—and this is a real risk, Peter, seriously—the word is to 'Get Breggin'. This is the truth and I can document it."

At least three members of Congress — Senator Glenn Beall (Rep-Md.), Senator James Buckley (Con-N.Y.) and Representative Ron Dellums (Dem.-Calif.) — have written to California Attorney General Evelle Younger expressing concern over the alleged threats.