

# Krogh Granted Access To 'Plumbers' Files

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Former White House aide Egil (Bud) Krogh has been granted access to his secret files on the White House "Plumbers" and to the tape of his first meeting with President Nixon about the controversial undercover squad.

The one-time head of the Plumbers' unit, Krogh, 34, was permitted to review the materials last month shortly after he pleaded guilty to a criminal conspiracy in the White House-sponsored burglary at the offices of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

U.S. District Court Judge Gerhard A. Gesell had suggested that Krogh be allowed to inspect his files for any information relevant to a plea for leniency.

Krogh is expected to come up for sentencing by Gesell later this month. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine in connection with the burglary.

The break-in was carried out over the 1971 Labor Day weekend by a team headed by Watergate conspirators E. Howard Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy, who were then members of the Plumbers. The burglary had been approved by Krogh in an attempt to secure Ellsberg's medical records.

Krogh has contended that any actions he took as head of the Plumbers' unit were undertaken "pursuant to a directive of President Nixon." His lawyers also maintained, before Krogh pleaded guilty,

that he was ordered to maintain the secrecy of the Plumbers' work even if he had to lie under oath.

Krogh submitted a lengthy, formal statement of his involvement in the break-in—based in part on the secret tape and files—to federal probation officials Thursday. They are expected to include it in a presentence report for Gesell's consideration.

According to Krogh's lawyer, Stephen N. Shulman, the statement will be made public after Krogh has been sentenced.

Mr. Nixon ordered formation of the Plumbers unit to track down sensitive news leaks after Ellsberg's release of the Pentagon Papers. The tape recording reviewed by Krogh and Shulman last month involved a July 24, 1971, meeting at the White House between the President, Krogh and Krogh's immediate superior, former White House domestic adviser John D. Ehrlichman.

Krogh's lawyers have said the meeting was the first he had with the President concerning the work of the Plumbers. Krogh reviewed the tape at the offices of Watergate Special Prosecutor Lean Jaworski.

The recording was apparently just one of at least 15 that the White House has voluntarily submitted to Jaworski so far. The special prosecutor said through a spokesman yesterday that "we have not been refused access to any tapes requested so far, but we cannot comment on the nature of any of the requests."

Jaworski said last month, however, that he had asked for 15 tapes at that point. Others involved the Watergate coverup, the administration's controversial settlement of antitrust cases against the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., and the so-called "milk deal."

Krogh reviewed his own files at the Executive Office Building, where Watergate prosecutors have also been working in a search for other documents about the Plumbers.

## Mechanics Lift Air France Strike

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PARIS, Jan. 4—Air France flight mechanics today suspended a strike begun before Christmas and called on the airline to reconsider a decision to cut their duties on long-distance flights.

During the strike, a number of long-distance flights were canceled and others were operated by charter companies. The airline's 620 flight mechanics were protesting a decision to have only one mechanic on board instead of two on long-distance flights.