

Notes on People by Laurie Johnston

The Washington State Supreme Court disbarred Egil Krogh Jr. yesterday, citing his 1974 conviction for conspiracy in the burglary of the offices of Dr. Lewis Fielding, the former psychiatrist of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg. Mr. Krogh had thrown himself on the mercy of the court, conceding that he deserved punishment but asking that he be suspended rather than disbarred.

In his actions to stop what the Nixon Administration considered to be security leaks, the court noted, Mr. Krogh violated both laws and constitutional rights in pursuit of "the notion that whatever was ordered by his superiors should be done." Mr. Krogh, who headed the White House "plumbers" unit, was appointed by John D. Ehrlichman, another native of the State of Washington. Mr. Ehrlichman was President Nixon's chief domestic adviser. Mr. Krogh worked for Mr. Ehrlichman's Seattle law firm before going to work at the White House. He was recently hired as an aide by Representative Paul N. McCloskey Jr., a California Republican.