

Tunney Airs New Doubts On Silbert

Sen. John V. Tunney (D-Calif.) yesterday submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee documents that he contends "raised further doubts" about the nomination of former Watergate prosecutor Earl J. Silbert to be U.S. attorney for the District.

While a majority of the committee appears to favor confirmation of Silbert, Tunney contends that Silbert knew, or should have known, of E. Howard Hunt's involvement in the break-in at the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, who at the time was psychiatrist for Daniel Ellsberg.

At a recent Senate hearing marked by sometimes angry exchanges between Silbert and Tunney, Silbert argued that it was "hindsight with a vengeance" to say now that he was lax in pursuing leads in Watergate-related probes.

Silbert said he had not personally gone through all the files and, from what he had seen, there was nothing to indicate criminal activity by Gordon Liddy or Hunt in regard to the break-in at the doctor's office.

The documents submitted to the committee by Tunney were taken from Hunt's White House office and turned over to the FBI and Silbert's prosecution team.

They include a chronology of Ellsberg's involvement in duplicating and releasing the Pentagon papers, and contain several references to Ellsberg undergoing psychoanalysis and a telephone call to "Dr. Lewis Fielding (psychiatrist)"; two FBI memos attempting to establish that Dr. Fielding was Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist; and two magazine articles about Ellsberg with references to psychoanalysis underlined.