

Lawyer Held in Contempt in Democratic Raid Inquiry

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WASHINGTON, July 13 — A 34-year-old Washington lawyer was found in contempt of court today for refusing to answer a series of grand jury questions about the June 17 raid on the offices of the Democratic National Committee.

The lawyer, Douglas Caddy, spent several hours in the custody of United States marshals rather than reply to 38 inquiries posed by a Federal panel that is investigating the politically sensitive burglary attempt.

Late this afternoon, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit stayed the penalty pending a hearing it scheduled for next Tuesday. Mr. Caddy was then released without bond.

He had briefly represented five men arrested during the Democratic break-in, and he reportedly also represents E. Howard Hunt Jr., former White House consultant linked to the case, and a seventh man identified only as Mr. X.

White House Role

Mr. Hunt, a former agent of the Central Intelligence Agency who disappeared after the June 17 raid, was linked to the five accused burglars in several ways, including the appearance of his name in two address books they carried.

He worked as a White House Consultant until at least last March. He was recommended for this part-time position by Charles W. Colson, a special counsel to President Nixon who has handled touchy political matters for the Administration.

The Government brought up Mr. X earlier this week when it asked Chief Judge John J.

Sirica of the United States District Court here to order Mr. Caddy to answer the grand jury questions. Mr. Hunt and Mr. X have been described as friends of Mr. Caddy.

In a hearing before Judge Sirica yesterday, Mr. Caddy argued that because he represents Mr. Hunt and Mr. X he cannot be compelled to answer the questions under the attorney-client privilege.

The judge rejected this argument, evidently accepting the Government view that none of the 38 queries touched on the substance of Mr. Caddy's dealings with the men. When the lawyer persisted in refusing to answer, he was found in civil contempt.

Before he was taken from the courtroom by a marshal, Mr. Caddy said he had declined to reply to the grand jury on the disputed questions because his clients had "asked me not to waive that [attorney-client] privilege."

Mr. Caddy appeared — unsummoned and "mysteriously," the Government has said — at a police station soon after the break-in, and he helped to retain a criminal lawyer to de-

It was reported that the wife of Bernard L. Barker, one of the accused burglars, telephoned Mr. Caddy at home, as had been prearranged, when she did not hear from her husband by 3 A.M. on the morning of the raid.

The grand jury's questions to Mr. Caddy involve the occasions he has been retained by Mr. Hunt and Mr. X, and the telephone calls he placed or received on the night of the raid.

The five arrested men, all of whom had connections with the C.I.A. in the past, had in their possession cameras

equipped to copy documents and instruments that could have been used to bug the party offices.

One of the five was James Walter McCord Jr., who had worked as a chief security agent for both the Committee for the Re-Election of the President and the Republican National Committee.

Both organizations discharged Mr. McCord immediately. The Democratic National Committee filed a \$1-million civil suit against the five arrested men and the Committee for the Re-Election of the President.

In a development earlier this week, the re-election committee asked the Federal court here to postpone a hearing on the suit at least until after the fall election on the ground they could cause "incalculable" harm to the Nixon campaign.

The organization again denied any involvement in the raid and said Mr. McCord's employment was "coincidental." Any pre-election hearings, however, would allow the Democrats to use the proceedings as a forum, the committee said.