

Bail Pending

# Innocent Pleas in Demo Break-In

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Two former White House aides and five other men indicted in the break-in of Democratic national headquarters pleaded innocent today.

The former White House aides are G. Gordon Liddy, 42, also a former financial counsel for the Committee to Re-elect the President, and Howard Hunt, 54, also formerly connected with the campaign committee.

Lawyers for Liddy and Hunt asked a federal judge, at their arraignment, to release both men on their own recognizance, but the government objected.

### Recessed

Chief Judge John Sirrica recessed the hearing until later in the day so that all seven men accused in the indictment could be interviewed by bail officials.

The other five men indicted last Friday by a federal grand jury in the alleged bugging of the Democratic offices were arrested in the headquarters on the morning of June 17.

All seven were indicted on charges of conspiring to steal documents and to bug the Democratic offices.

The defendants along with Liddy and Hunt are: Bernard Barker, a Miami real estate man; James McCord Jr., a former security chief for the Nixon re-election committee; Eugenio Martinez, and employe of Barker; Crank Sturgis, an associate of Barker's, and Virgilio Gonzalez, a Miami locksmith.

### Special Rules

Sirricap in a brief order, announced he would enforce U.S. District Court rules involving a widely publicized or sensational case.

They require that the court may issue special orders governing extrajudicial statements by anyone involved in the case and seating in the courtroom of reporters, plus anything else the court deems appropriate.

The seven pleaded innocent when the charges were formally read to them.

The prosecutor, Earl Silbert, did not ask for any change in bond of up to 50,000 set previously for five of the men.

### \$10,000 Bond

The government asked that Hunt and Liddy be held on \$10,000 bond and be required to make personal appearances to bond officers twice a week and to telephone them daily.

At the White House this morning, President Nixon conferred with Republican congressional leaders and they said afterward they did not believe the alleged bugging would be an issue in the presidential campaign as far as voters were concerned.

"The indictments are on the record and they clear the White House and any other of the responsible people on the Committee to Re-Elect the President," Senate GOP Leader Hugh Scott said.