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G. GORDON LIDDY  
He's out on bail now

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## Ex-Nixon Aides' Break-in Pleas

### Washington

Two former White House consultants were released from custody yesterday under \$10,000 bond after pleading innocent to federal charges stemming from the break-in of the Democratic National Committee Offices.

United States District Judge John Sirica imposed travel restrictions on former consultants G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt Jr. and ordered that they surrender their passports within two days. Earlier, he rejected pleas by their attorneys that they be released on their own recognizance.

The remaining five defendants, arrested during the break-in on June 17, were released on bail already posted on charges stemming directly from the break-in. Sirica, however, eased the travel restrictions to permit the men to conduct their business pending trial.

Sirica gave no indication when the trial was expected to begin. He ordered attorneys for both the prosecution and defense to file pretrial briefs within 15 days and gave only ten days for

the filing of counter arguments.

In rejecting requests by several defense attorneys for an extension of the 15-day period, Sirica apparently opened the possibility the trial could begin before election day.

Bail for the five defendants apprehended by police during the break-in ranged from \$50,000 for Frank A. Sturgis, a self-described soldier of fortune, to a low of \$30,000 for James W. McCord Jr., former security chief for the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

The remaining three defendants, all of whom also pleaded innocent, are free on \$40,000 bail. They are Bernard L. Barker, a Miami real estate man; Eugenio R. Martinez, a salesman in Barker's firm, and Virgilio R. Gonzalez, a Miami locksmith.

The seven men were indicted last Friday by a federal grand jury on charges accusing them of stealing documents, of planting telephone taps and secret eavesdropping devices in the Democratic national headquarters in the Watergate Hotel.

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