

# Watergate Defendants Poles apart in Personality

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 27— Five mornings a week for the last three weeks, G. Gordon Liddy has entered the federal district courtroom of Judge John J. Siragusa, leaned back in his chair and smiled.

Opposite Liddy, James W. McCord Jr. has taken his seat, hunched his back over the defense counsel table, and begun doodling.

The other two remaining defendants in the Watergate bugging trial, Liddy and McCord, are 11 years apart in age and light years apart in personality.

One Washington newspaper called Liddy, 42, a "cowboy on the Potomac." A flamboyant



G. Gordon Liddy

former prosecutor with a passion for guns and wild schemes, Liddy is outgoing, friendly, and misses nothing that is going on around him.

ALTHO IT IS obvious that Liddy follows the proceedings of the trial with an attorney's professional eye, he finds time every so often to smile at a juror or swing around in his

chair to watch someone in the crowd. When the press is going on the air...

IN CONTRAST, McCord seldom looks up from the head of counsel table. He has a serious, almost morose expression.

McCord, 53, is a former FBI man who has spent in government service. He is a former member of the Central Intelligence Agency...

McCord was the "nuts-and-bolts man of the Watergate operation," said one courtroom source. "Liddy was the strategist and moving force."

Indeed, it appears to be on that theme that the government is building its case.

McCORD, 53, was arrested last June 17 in the Democratic National Committee offices in the Watergate complex along with four other men.

Facing with the fact of the arrest, his attorney, Gerald A. Berlin, is not denying McCord's guilt. Instead, he is attempting to persuade the jury that McCord should not be exonerated because of motives such as honor...

Most of McCord's adult life has been spent in government service.

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After World War II...

When the war was over, McCord had left the FBI for the Army. He moved over to the Air Force when it was established as a separate unit and stayed on reserve status until he resigned as a lieutenant colonel in February, 1957.

In the CIA, McCord's specialty became security and when he returned in 1959 he was the agency's security chief. One of the major events McCord participated in was the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961. It was then he became friendly with a fellow

CIA operative, E. Howard Hunt.

Hunt, who pleaded guilty in the Watergate case, was the link between McCord and Liddy, according to evidence in the case. Even today, McCord and Liddy are not particularly friendly, they are tied together only thru the Watergate case.

THE SON of a lawyer, Liddy was educated at St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, N. J., Fordham University and the Fordham University Law School.

After serving with the Army

in Korea, Liddy joined the FBI and worked in Indiana, Denver, and Washington. Then he worked for his father's New York City law firm for four years before becoming an assistant district attorney in New York's Dutchess County.

In 1968, while in law practice, Liddy ran for Congress as the Conservative Party candidate but withdrew three months before the election to support the Republican candidate.

Liddy came to Washington in April, 1969, as special assistant to the Chicago banker,

David M. Kennedy, then assistant secretary. Liddy's specialty was organizational.

IN 1971, LIDDY left the Treasury Department and became a White House consultant. Also a consultant at the White House at the time was a friend from the Treasury Department, E. Howard Hunt.

According to the government's case in the Watergate trial, Liddy joined the Committee for the Re-election of the President in late 1971 and was aided by Job Magruder, a former Chicagoan who was

... involved in the Watergate case...