

Hunt's Ellsberg Data Given to FBI by Dean

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — A box containing weapons, camouflaged microphones, data on Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers was handed over to the FBI by former White House counsel John Dean, who said the articles came from E. Howard Hunt's office, an FBI report revealed yesterday.

The report, released to defense attorneys by the judge in the Pentagon Papers trial late Friday in a continuing probe of Watergate connections to the trial, was made public by the attorneys for Ellsberg and Anthony Russo.

As in the case of other FBI reports turned over during the last week's investigation, U.S. District Judge Matt Byrne ordered the government to give the defense a copy of the report on Dean which Byrne allowed to be publicly disseminated.

'From Hunt's Office'

The newly released report says that Dean, formerly legal counsel to President Nixon, gave two FBI agents a cardboard box, explaining that he had removed the contents from Hunt's office in the Executive Office Building.

The FBI report, dated last July 3, stated that the cardboard box had been turned over to the two agents who examined it and made the

inventory of its contents in late June.

Hunt was convicted of conspiracy, burglary and wiretapping in connection with the June 17, 1972, break-in and attempted bugging of the Watergate Democratic headquarters and has admitted participation in a burglary of Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office in September, 1971.

Ellsberg Papers

Among the articles listed as from Hunt's office were a .25-caliber pistol and ammunition, a tear gas cannister, two microphones in "simulated Chapstick containers" instructions for portable radio transmitters and various antennas and antenna wire.

The safe also contained six brown envelopes of "classified material relating to the 'Pentagon Papers,'" a folder "marked Ellsberg containing numerous papers concerning one Daniel Ellsberg," a folder marked "Pentagon Papers" and a published version of the papers.

In transcripts made public Friday of Hunt's testimony before a grand jury in Washington, it was noted that the White House had been gathering information on Ellsberg's personal background in order to determine his "prosecutability."

Some of the materials —

the folder of papers on Ellsberg, a folder of time and pay records, and a folder marked "Press Contacts," among them — have been given to the defense by Judge Byrne.

The judge is reviewing the envelopes of classified Pentagon Papers materials to determine if they would be helpful to defense attorneys.

Electronic Equipment

Byrne said in court Friday that the electronic equipment appeared to have "interception capability" — meaning they could be used for bugging. However, the prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney David Nissen, said later he had determined that the equipment was for communication only, not bugging.

But a defense spokesman said the camouflaged microphones, along with harnesses for climbing telephone poles and several "jack wires" mentioned in the list, were apparently to be used in monitoring of telephone calls.

The spokesman said the defense had not immediately been able to figure out the significance of two maps listed in the inventory.

The maps showed areas of Baltimore, and Washington, D.C., with circles drawn around several highway intersections.