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State Dept. Says Hunt Had Cables

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Washington

The State Department confirmed yesterday that Watergate figure E. Howard Hunt Jr. was given access to 250 cables dealing with Vietnam in September, 1971.

Charles W. Bray, the department press officer, said Hunt was allowed to read

the cable traffic to and from Saigon at the request of David Young, another Watergate figure who served on the staffs of both foreign policy adviser Henry A. Kissinger and White House domestic adviser John D. Ehrlichman.

The cables covered the pe-

riod April through November of 1963. Hunt said in an affidavit released in Los Angeles at the Pentagon papers trial of Daniel Ellsberg that he doctored cables covering that period to implicate the Kennedy administration in the murder of South Vietnamese leaders in 1963.

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