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# Senate Committee Lists 20 Witnesses

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The Senate select committee investigating the Watergate affair released a list of 20 prospective witnesses for its first round of hearings yesterday.

Sources close to the committee said the list was drawn so that the committee could trace the planning and financing of the bug-ging of Democratic headquarters through President Nixon's re-election committee and to explore possible White House involvement in an alleged cover-up.

Included on the list, but scheduled to be among the last witnesses called in the first round of hearings, are former White House aides H. R. (Bob) Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, John W. Dean III and Charles W. Colson, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, former acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III, former deputy Nixon campaign manager Jeb Stuart Magruder and President Nixon's former personal attorney, Herbert W. Kalmbach.

A source close to the com-



CHARLES W. COLSON  
... sworn statement

mittee emphasized that the list is still tentative and that witnesses may be added or deleted before and during the hearings.

The committee announced Tuesday that it would hold at least eight days of hear-

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ings in May and June, but one committee source said that there was no way for the committee to hear all the testimony in that period. "It's safer to say it will run into weeks," the source said.

In a related development, Ehrlichman made his second appearance before the federal grand jury investigating the Watergate yesterday and testified for a little more than three hours. After his testimony, Ehrlichman said he had "answered all questions as fully as possible" and that he was "very pleased with the line of questions." "I answered all I had answers for," Ehrlichman told reporters.

Haldeman, the former White House chief of staff until his resignation was announced by President Nixon on April 30, arrived at the U.S. District Courthouse at about 3 p.m. with Ehrlichman and left at about 6 p.m. without having testified before the grand jury or talking to prosecutors. Haldeman said he was asked to return today to testify.

John J. Wilson, the lawyer for Haldeman and Ehrlichman, said prosecutors apologized to Haldeman for the inconvenience.

Colson, a former White House aide, who told reporters that he was appearing voluntarily before the grand jury, testified there for about three hours yesterday. During the first phase of the Watergate investigation last summer, Colson gave a sworn statement to the prosecutors but did not actually appear before the grand jury.

The committee hearings, as outlined by its chairman,

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.), and the ranking minority member, Sen. Howard H. Baker (R-Tenn.), will have three phases. The second and third rounds will deal with campaign financing and campaign sabotage or so-called "dirty tricks."

The witnesses, in the tentative order that they will be called, are:

Robert C. Odle Jr., a former office manager for the Committee for the Re-election of the President; Sgt. Paul Leper, a metropolitan policeman who participated in the arrest of five men inside the Watergate on June 17; James W. McCord Jr., former security director for the re-election committee and a convicted Watergate conspirator; Sally Harmony, former secretary to convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy; and Robert Reisner, a former aide to deputy Nixon campaign manager Jeb Stuart Magruder.

E. Howard Hunt Jr. and G. Gordon Liddy, both convicted Watergate conspirators; Hugh W. Sloan Jr., former re-election committee treasurer; Herbert L. Porter, former re-election committee scheduling director; Powell Moore, former press aide of the re-election committee.

Jeb Stuart Magruder, former deputy campaign director; Colson, former special counsel to the President; John W. Dean III, former White House counsel; Herbert W. Kalmbach, Mr. Nixon's former personal attorney.

Frederick C. LaRue, former aide to the re-election committee director; Maurice H. Stans, director of campaign fund-raising for the



re-election committee; John N. Mitchell, former Attorney General and former director of the re-election committee; L. Patrick Gray III, former acting director of the FBI; John D. Ehrlichman, former assistant to the President for domestic affairs; and H. R. (Bob) Haldeman, former White House chief of staff.

Odle, who was reportedly relieved of a position in the Department of Agriculture this week after serving for just a week, was placed as the lead-off witness, according to one source close to the committee, in order to describe the operation of the re-election committee and its personnel.

McCord, whose statements to the select committee staff and the grand jury after March 23 helped break open the investigation, already has reportedly given testimony directly and indirectly implicating Magruder, Mitchell and Dean in the planning of the bugging.

Mitchell has denied that he ever approved the bugging, although he concedes that he attended meetings where it was discussed. Mitchell also has conceded that he approved the expenditures of re-election committee funds to pay legal fees for the seven Watergate conspirators.

Magruder reportedly has told prosecutors that Mitchell and Dean helped plan the bugging and later approved payments to the seven conspirators in an attempt to buy their silence.

Dean is reportedly prepared to testify that Haldeman and Ehrlichman participated in an elaborate scheme to cover up the Watergate affair. In addition, Dean is said to believe that Presi-

dent Nixon was aware of the cover-up last year.

Kalmbach, only recently dismissed as President Nixon's personal lawyer, had control over a \$500,000 account that allegedly was used to finance sabotage activities. Kalmbach is also being investigated by the grand jury for possible obstruction of justice by providing some of the money used by others allegedly to buy the silence of convicted Watergate conspirators.

LaRue has been described by federal investigators as one of the re-election committee officials who directed a "house cleaning" operation following the June 17 arrests that included destruction of numerous records. LaRue was also reportedly involved in paying the Watergate conspirators money to keep them silent.

Stans, according to federal investigators, kept as much as \$900,000 in an office safe. Some of this money, according to testimony at the Watergate trial, was used to finance the Watergate bugging operation.

Former acting FBI Director Gray supervised the initial investigation into the Watergate affair. Impeccable sources close to Gray have confirmed — and Gray has not denied — reports that he destroyed documents belonging to Watergate conspirator Hunt after a meeting with White House aides Ehrlichman and Dean.

McCord, Haldeman and Ehrlichman have been interviewed by the committee staff. In addition, a source close to the commit-

tee said that Kalmbach, Porter and Colson have also been interviewed and that Mitchell is scheduled to be interviewed this week. Another committee source said that all prospective witnesses will be interviewed by the staff before the committee hearings begin May 17.

Of the prospective witnesses, Hunt, Magruder and Libby have been given immunity from prosecution for their testimony. The committee voted Tuesday to give Dean immunity, if necessary, to compel his testimony. The immunity given witnesses before the Senate committee would bar the prosecution from using their testimony against them at a subsequent trial but would not bar prosecutors from producing evidence and testimony ob-

tained independent by/of a witness's testimony.

The seven-member, bipartisan committee comprises Ervin, Baker, Democratic Sens. Herman Talmadge (Ga.), Joseph M. Montoya (New Mexico) and Daniel K. Inouye (Hawaii) and Republican Sens. Edward J. Gurney (Fla.) and Lowell P. Weiker (Conn.).

The committee hearings are scheduled to be covered in their entirety by the Public Broadcasting Service and be made available to local stations in prime time. Spokesmen for two of the three major networks, NBC and ABC, said last night that no firm decisions had been made yet on coverage and that the witness list was being examined. A spokesman for CBS said that its coverage of the hearings will not be live.