

Ex-Cop's Slangy Testimony

Street Talk on the Stand

Washington

After hours of indoctrination in the dirty arts of espionage, the Senate Watergate committee got a change of pace yesterday with the breezy testimony of an ex-New York cop.

Anthony T. Ulasewicz's testimony about carrying promises of clemency to Watergate conspirator James W. McCord Jr. was colored by accents and insights honed on the sidewalks of Manhattan, in the service of New York's Finest.

The broad-shouldered, full-faced Ulasewicz described McCord as "one of the best wiremen in the business." A wireman, he said, is "anyone who is familiar with applying wiretaps."

USAGE

Senator Howard H. Baker (Rep-Tenn.) wanted to know if that was a term of "general usage" in Ulasewicz's trade.

"Yes, sir," the witness said. "However, I was never a wireman."

While laughter rang through the hearing room, Ulasewicz hastened to add that New York police had some of the finest wiremen around.

Baker wondered how New York's wiremen compared with McCord's.

With a touch of professional pride Ulasewicz said: "Any old retired man in the New York City Police De-



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Anthony Ulasewicz at the Senate Watergate hearings

partment who would become involved in a thing like that ... would not have walked in with any army, that is for sure."

Had the Watergate bugging-burglary been done properly, Ulasewicz suggested, the perpetrator "would have walked in like any decent common-looking citizen, laid something in the right place and walked right out.

"And that," he added, "would have been the end of it for a long time."

"You see, I must be honest here, senator," he said.

INFORMATION

Actually, Ulasewicz pointed out, it is really not necessary to commit a felony to get information from politicians, be they Republican or Democrat.

"The easiest way," he said, "is to write a postal

card asking them to mail all their leaflets. They will put you on their mailing list and you will have everything."

Ulasewicz, a New York City policeman for 26 years, left unanswered details of his outside investigative work for the White House from July, 1969, through the end of 1972. He said he was paid \$22,000 a year plus expenses by Herbert Kalmbach, President Nixon's personal attorney.

LEGAL

Without elaborating on the jobs he did for the White House, Ulasewicz said he considered his work to be legal.

"I was no spy of any kind; I did not do slanderous spying; I used no wiretaps; I never used any surveillance."

Based on his three years experience as a secret sleuth for the White House, Ulasewicz described politicians as "the most vulnerable people in the world to any kind of scandal, et cetera."

Prudently, he added: "I do not say they are guilty of it because I still have to come back here."

COMMITTEE

Ulasewicz's discourse on wiremen caused Senator Baker to wonder whether any had been assigned to tune in on members of the committee.

"I have none on anybody," the witness replied. "Thank you."

"Thank you," said Baker.

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