

Levity Finds a Way Into Senate Inquiry

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WASHINGTON, May 23— Adding the first bit of levity to what had been long hours of serious testimony, former New York City policeman told the Senate Watergate committee today that his old buddies would never have bungled a job the way the Watergate burglars did.

Anthony T. Ulasewicz, a stocky man with a nasal voice and a profile strikingly like that of Alfred Hitchcock, began in a staid enough way. He described his 26 years with the New York Police Department and then detailed how, as a favor to his friend John J. Caulfield, he had delivered an anonymous message and made anonymous telephone calls to James W. McCord Jr.

But then, as the lunch hour

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approached, Mr. Ulasewicz could not resist the chance for a wisecrack or two.

It began when Senator Howard H. Baker Jr. of Tennessee, the ranking Republican on the committee, said that he did not know the meaning of the word "wireman."

Mr. Ulasewicz (pronounced you-LASS-uh-wits) explained: "Well, a wireman in police parlance would be anyone who is familiar with applying wiretaps, any type of surveillance by electrical means, and so forth, in a room, on a person, in an automobile, in a tire or any place."

He went on to say that the New York police often pursued such surveillance and that "we have some of the finest wiremen." He added that the wiretaps were all legal, with proper

papers et cetera, and judicial permission."

Senator Bakon, led the witness on. "You think your wiremen were better than McCord's wiremen? He asked.

"I will tell you," Mr. Ulasewicz responded, gripping the table and beginning to grin himself, "any old retired man in the New York City Police Department who would become involved in a thing like that—he thought he had to for whatever reason it was—he would not have walked in with an army. That is for sure.

"He probably would have walked in like any decent, common-looking citizen, laid something in the right place and walked right out, and that would have been the end of it for a long time."

Senator Baker tried to ask a serious question about how someone else might have planted bugs in the Democratic National Committee's headquarters. But Mr. Ulasewicz could not be turned off.

"If it is a question of obtaining information from the Democratic party, Republican party or anybody else, the easiest way is to write a postal card asking them to mail you all their leaflets. They will put you on their mailing list, and you will have everything."

"Politicians are pretty anxious to add to their mailing lists," Senator Baker noted, opening the way for another remark by Mr. Ulasewicz.

"Politicians are the most vulnerable people in the world . . . to any kind of scandal, et cetera. I do not say they are guilty of it, because I still have to come back here."

"You do not have any good wiremen on us, do you?" Senator Baker asked, by now shaking with laughter.

"It looks like there are plenty of them here," the former policeman replied, with a gesture toward the yards of wires connected to the television and radio equipment around the room.



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Anthony Ulasewicz, former New York City detective and aide to John J. Caulfield, employe of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, testifying yesterday.