

Perjury Laid To Witness On Watergate

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Two employees of the Nixon re-election committee have given sworn statements alleging that the secretary to Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy indicated to them that she had committed perjury last summer before a grand jury investigating the Watergate bugging.

One of the employees, Eveline M. Hyde, said Liddy's secretary, Sally Harmony, also had implied that as a "reward" for her testimony, she was given a trip to Florida prior to the Republican National Convention in Miami. Mrs. Hyde said Mrs. Harmony did not say who paid for the trip.

The allegations came in sworn, pretrial depositions given May 23 in connection with civil suits that grew out of the break-in and bugging at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate last June 17. The depositions were made public late Thursday.

Depositions permit the introduction of hearsay testimony, much of which would not be admissible in court.

Mrs. Harmony and her attorney, Thomas D. Quinn Jr., both said yesterday they would have no comment on the depositions.

In one of the depositions, Arden Chambers, who is still a secretary at the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, testified that Mrs. Harmony said at a party in Mrs. Hyde's home last July 16, something to the effect: "For Gordon, I perjured myself."

Miss Chambers said that "we were just all appalled by" the remark, but that "I don't really remember any further conversation about it." Miss Chambers is secretary to finance committee chairman Maurice Stans.

Mrs. Hyde, in her deposition, said there were eight

or nine women from the finance unit present for the party at her home and that one of them, Judith Hoback, began discussing her grand jury testimony. (Mrs. Hoback was an assistant and Mrs. Hyde a secretary to Hugh W. Sloan Jr., then the finance committee treasurer.)

Mrs. Hoback, according to Mrs. Hyde, said "the only way she could ever do anything was to tell the truth and what she knew and what little she knew, she was going to state it the way she knew it."

Mrs. Hyde said that, as hostess, she was "in and out of the room," but that she came back in at one point "and Sally (Harmony) was making the statement or just made the statement that she could not do things that way, there was a reason for it, she just could not tell as it was."

After that, Mrs. Hyde said, "A pall sort of came over the party then. Maybe Judy (Hoback) said, 'Well, I have to do things my way and you have to do things your way.' It was late in the evening by this time . . . and it sort of just broke up."

Just before the convention, Mrs. Hyde said, Mrs. Harmony "one morning announced that she was going down to Florida prior to the convention . . . The implication was that this was a reward to her from people in the committee for what she had done thus far in testimony."

Mrs. Hyde said Mrs. Harmony also said, in regard to the trip: "I need it. They owe it to me." Mrs. Hyde said Mrs. Harmony did not say who "they" were "and we didn't ask her."

She said Mrs. Harmony did "not to my knowledge" have any job assignment for



SALLY HARMONY
... no comment

the committee at the convention.

Mrs. Harmony's work brought her into close contact with the political sabotage and espionage operation in which Liddy was involved. Prosecution sources indicated last month that her recent testimony before the grand jury is in marked contrast to her testimony last summer.

In her own deposition given April 27, Mrs. Harmony stated she typed transcripts of telephone conversations obtained from the Watergate bugging, as well as reports from three infiltrators within the presidential campaign of Sen. George S. McGovern (D-S.D.)

Mrs. Harmony said the memos pertaining to the infiltrators and the bugging information were typed on stationery with the word "Gemstone" at the top of the page. She said in her deposition that Liddy's "Gemstone" file disappeared on the day he left his job as general counsel to the re-election finance committee in late June.

In testimony on another matter, Miss Chambers said she had a telephone conversation regarding the Watergate affair last summer or early fall with John W. Dean III, then the White House chief counsel. Miss Chambers said she asked Dean, "When is it all going to end?" and that Dean replied: "Don't worry about it, they are all going to get it after the election."

Miss Chambers said Dean didn't say who "they" were, but that "I guess I had in mind Magruder." This was a reference to Jeb Stuart Magruder, then the re-election committee's deputy campaign chairman director.