

Ellsberg Suspects Tell Of Failure

Los Angeles

Four participants in the scheme to burglarize a Beverly Hills psychiatrist's office for Daniel Ellsberg's file told the Los Angeles country grand jury yesterday that their mission failed.

Sources close to the case said the failure was admitted by former White House consultant E. Howard Hunt and the three Cubans who actually entered Dr. Lewis J. Fielding's office — Bernard Barker, Eugenio Martinez and Felipe DeDiego.

Hunt, Barker and the Cubans have been granted immunity from prosecution for their role in the burglary, and it was understood they would be asked to name those who gave the orders for burglary.

DEVELOPMENTS

District Attorney Joseph Busch, who is personally presenting the case to the grand jury, also revealed these two developments in the inquiry into the 1971 Labor Day weekend break-in:

- Yesterday's grand jury session focused on Elmer Davis, who Beverly Hills police said confessed to the burglary. Jail records have revealed that Davis could not have committed the burglary, since he was in jail at the time.

- Egil (Bud) Krogh, former top aide to presidential adviser John D. Ehrlichman, is apparently having second thoughts about his agreement to testify here, even though he told President Nixon he will "accept full responsibility" for authorizing the burglary.

"Krogh has gotten a new attorney and we are still negotiating with him," Busch said.

Hunt, Barker and Martinez were before the grand jury for a total of about four hours.

DeDiego, a Miami real estate man, appeared briefly before the grand jury and left the building. He is not in custody.

PRISON

The other three were brought here from Danbury, Conn., where they are serving federal prison terms for breaking into the Democratic party headquarters at Watergate.

It was Hunt's earlier testimony before a federal grand jury in Washington, D.C., that first revealed the burglary scheme.

That testimony was made public after it was turned over to U.S. District Judge Matt Byrne, who was presiding over the subsequently dismissed Pentagon Papers trial.

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