

Ehrlichman Testifies on L.A. Break-in

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Former White House domestic adviser John D. Ehrlichman reportedly testified yesterday that he approved a proposal that turned out to be the burglary of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office.

But Ehrlichman's testimony at a six-hour closed-door session by the House intelligence subcommittee was reported to newsmen by Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi (D-Mich.)

"He did approve a proposal," Nedzi said. "The substance is not clear."

Ehrlichman, in a rare departure from his usual willingness to talk to newsmen after such sessions, had no comment. "I don't want to admit or deny or comment on anything just now," he said.

Nedzi said Ehrlichman testified he did not recall learning of the break-in into Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office in connection with the Pentagon Papers leak investigation until after it had happened.

"He did not clearly remember," Nedzi said, "But

he said there may have been a reference to a trip to the West Coast for investigative work."

The Washington Post reported yesterday that Watergate grand jury prosecutors have a one-page memorandum addressed to Ehrlichman that describes in detail plans to burglarize the

psychiatrist's office. The memo was from former White House aides David Young and Eglil Krogh and was dated before the Sept. 3, 1971 break-in at the office of the Beverly Hills, Calif., psychiatrist.

Young and Krogh were in charge of a White House effort to determine how docu-

ments, including the Pentagon Papers, were finding their way into the press.

Convicted Watergate conspirators E. Howard Hunt Jr. and G. Gordon Liddy supervised the break-in into the psychiatrist's office, according to government testimony at Ellsberg's Pentagon Papers trial.