

Inouye Gets Right to Point Of Involvement in Cover-Up

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) got right to the point with witness Jeb Stuart Magruder, former deputy director of the Nixon re-election committee, and asked him point blank at the Senate Watergate hearings yesterday who to his knowledge was involved in the Watergate cover-up.

"Mr. Magruder, you have indicated that were several who knew about the cover-up such as Mr. (Fred) LaRue (a former aide to John Mitchell), Mr. (John N.) Mitchell (former Attorney General and campaign director, and Mr. (John) Dean (former White House counsel), and I believe you used two words, 'and others,'" Inouye said.

"Could you tell us about the others?" Inouye asked. "I will list a few names."

Sen. Inouye: Mr. Dean knew about the cover-up?

Magruder: Yes, sir.

Inouye: Mr. Mitchell knew about the cover-up?

Magruder: Yes sir.

Inouye: Mr. (H. R.) Halde- man knew about the cover-up?

Magruder: Directly from my knowledge only in January (1973). I did not know directly before.

Inouye: Mr. (John) Ehrlichman knew about the cover-up?

Magruder: I did not ever know that Mr. Ehrlichman knew about the cover-up.

Inouye: Mr. (Herbert W.) Kalmbach (Mr. Nixon's former personal lawyer)?

Magruder: I only knew in

Mr. Kalmbach's case he was funding the cover-up.

(Laughter.)

Inouye: Mr. (former assistant Attorney General Robert) Mardian.

Magruder: Yes, sir.

Inouye: Mr. (former Attorney General Richard) Kleindienst?

Magruder: No, sir, I did not know of any involvement by Mr. Kleindienst.

Inouye: Mr. (former-Acting FBI director L. Patrick) Gray.

Magruder: No, sir, I had no direct knowledge of Mr. Gray's involvement.

Inouye: Mr. (former White House aide Gordon) Strachan?

Magruder: Yes, he was aware of the cover-up.

Inouye: Mr. (former Mich- elli aide Fred) La Rue?

Magruder: Yes, he was aware.

Inouye: Mr. (White House aide Egil) Krogh?

Magruder: Mr. Egil Krogh? I cannot specifically recall any direct knowledge that I would have known that he knew about the cover-up.

Inouye: Mr. (former pre- sidential assistant Charles) Col- son?

Magruder: I have no di- rect knowledge that Mr. Col- son knew about the cover- up.

Inouye (Mr. (Richard) Howard, Mr. Colson's aide)?

Magruder: I don't think he knew directly about the cover-up. I think he realized that we had some problems that we were taking care of.

Inouye: Mr. (Robert) Reis- ner (a Nixon re-election committee aide)?

Magruder: No. All of the employees of the committee who were not involved in the cover-up purposely, we made a substantive decision in a sense to be sure they were not aware of the cover-up so that they themselves would not become involved in any problems relating to this cover-up.

Inouye: Mr. (Maurice) Stans?

Magruder: Only the dis- cussion I had in June with Mr. Stans, which would indi- cate some knowledge after that point to some extent.

Inouye: Mr. (Hugh) Sloan (Nixon campaign treasurer)?

Magruder: Yes, I am sure he knew about the cover-up.

Inouye: Mr. (Herbert) Por- ter (another re-election com- mittee official)?

Magruder: Only to the ex- tent that he has testified that he assisted me for what he thought were legitimate reasons.

Inouye: Mr. (Robert) Odle (another committee aide)?

Magruder: No, as far as I know he did not know.

Inouye: Mr. (Powell) Moore (a press aide to the committee)?

Magruder: Again I know Mr. Moore was aware of the trip to Burning Tree County Club. What Mr. Moore then knew later I just . . . I don't know what Mr. Liddy and Mr. Moore talked about; you would have to talk to Mr. Moore directly.

Inouye: Finally, the President?

Magruder: To my knowl- edge no, no direct knowl- edge.