

Some Secret Code Names in Coverup

Washington

The Brush, The Writer and The Pipe were discussed in conversations about the Watergate coverup, John W. Dean III testified yesterday.

These Dick Tracy-like code names were brought out in testimony before the Senate Watergate committee when Senator Edward Gurney (Rep-La.) challenged Dean's testimony that a meeting with the President's personal lawyer, Herbert Kalmbach, took place in the Mayflower Hotel in Washington. Subpoenaed records showed Kalmbach was registered at the Statler Hilton, Gurney said.

"How do you account for these records here?" Gurney asked.

"Senator, the only thing I can suggest is Mr. Kalmbach may have been registered under another name," Dean answered.

"Mr. Kalmbach often discussed matters in a code name. For example, after our discussions he began re-

ferring to Mr. (E. Howard) Hunt as 'The Writer.' He began referring to Mr. (H. R.) Haldeman as 'The Brush.' He began referring to Mr. (John J.) Mitchell as 'The Pipe.'"

Dean did not explain the origin of the code names, but Mitchell is a regular pipe smoker, Haldeman has a crew cut, and Hunt, one of the original seven Watergate defendants, has written several books.

As it turned out, Dean might have had the hotels mixed up because the coffee shop in the Statler Hilton is called the Mayflower Coffee Shop.

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