

Watergate Committee Lists 20 Witnesses It Plans to Call

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The Senate Watergate committee yesterday listed 20 witnesses it plans to call when it resumes hearings following the Fourth of July recess. The committee also announced that it will hold hearings every weekday from Tuesday, July 10, through Friday, Aug. 3.

Although Congress is scheduled to begin a summer recess Aug. 3, the Watergate committee's chief counsel, Samuel Dash, said yesterday that the panel may decide to extend its hearings into August because so many witnesses are still scheduled to be heard.

The list of witnesses, called "unofficial" by Dash because names may be added or moved around, includes in their tentative order of appearance.

Former Attorney General

John W. Mitchell, President Nixon's former personal lawyer Herbert W. Kalmbach, former New York City policeman Anthony Ulasewicz, former Nixon campaign official Frederick C. La Rue, former Assistant Attorney General Robert C. Mardian and former White House aide Gordon Strachan.

Former special assistant to the President John D. Ehrlichman, former White House chief of staff H. R. (Bob) Haldeman, and former special counsel to the President Charles W. Colson.

Former CIA Director Richard Helms, deputy CIA Director Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, former deputy CIA Director (now Marine Corps commandant) Robert E. Cushman Jr. and former acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III.

Former White House aides Egil M. Krogh Jr. and David Young and former White House secretary Kathleen Chenow.

Convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt Jr., Paul L. O'Brien and Kenneth Wells Parkinson, both lawyers for the Committee for the Re-election of the President, and William O. Bittman, Hunt's lawyer.

In addition to these scheduled witnesses, Dash said the committee may also decide to call some of the following persons:

Special counsel to the President Richard A. Moore, Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Peterson, former Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, White House aides Lawrence M. Higby,

W. Richard Howard and Fred Fielding.

Mitchell has been named in testimony as having approved the Watergate opera-

tion and participated in the cover-up along with Kalmbach, who allegedly raised money to pay the Watergate defendants for their silence, and Ulasewicz, who allegedly carried the money from Kalmbach to La Rue. La Rue pleaded guilty last week to one count of obstruction of justice. Mardian has been described in testimony as participating in conversations in which the cover-up was discussed.

Ehrlichman, Haldeman and Colson have been linked by testimony to the cover-up.

Helms, Walters, Cushman and Gray, according to testimony before the Senate select committee and other

Congressional committees, were pressured by the White House in an attempt to block the Watergate investigation because of possible CIA ties to the operation.

Krogh and Young served as the operational heads of the "plumbers," a White House group charged with plugging leaks of information. Miss Chenow was a secretary for the "plumbers."

Hunt is expected to be questioned about the payments allegedly made to him to keep silent. O'Brien, Parkinson and Bittman also are alleged to have played a role in passing money to the Watergate defendants, although they have denied any wrongdoing.

Dash said yesterday that

one item the committee may have on its agenda when it meets July 9 or 10 is whether it will extend the hearings past the Aug. 3 congressional recess in order to finish hearing all the witnesses or whether it will recess until September, picking up where it left off. Dash estimated that the committee would be able to hear the first 13 witnesses—through former acting FBI Director Gray—by Aug. 3.