



EGIL KROGH JR.
He wouldn't testify

Nixon Aides May Face L.A. Charge

Los Angeles

District Attorney Joseph P. Busch said yesterday that he would definitely seek indictments against former White House aides for conspiring to break into the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

"We will draw up formal charges," the Los Angeles county prosecutor said at a news conference. But he declined to identify whom the grand jury would be asked to indict when it meets again on September 4.

Sources close to the case have indicated, however, that the main targets of the investigation are John D. Ehrlichman, formerly President Nixon's chief domestic adviser; Egil Krogh Jr., once an assistant to Ehrlichman and director of a White House group called the "Plumbers," assigned to investigate security leaks; and David R. Young Jr., a former aide to Dr. Henry Kissinger and another member of the Plumbers.

DECLINE

Busch made his comments after Krogh appeared before the grand jury yesterday and declined to testify, pleading the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination. Young also took the Fifth Amendment here last month.

In an affidavit filed in

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May, Krogh admitted authorizing the break-in, which took place at the office of Dr. Lewis J. Fielding on Sept. 3, 1971. But in a brief meeting with newsmen yesterday he said he was not a "subject of investigation" and had been advised by his attorney to make no further comments.

COOPERATE

The main reason for delaying the indictments is to allow the Senate Watergate committee to complete the current phase of its investigation, Busch said. The committee reconvenes next week and still has to hear testimony from former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, H. R. Haldeman, once Mr. Nixon's chief of staff, and Ehrlichman.

The prosecutors here are also cooperating with Archibald Cox, the special Watergate prosecutor, and they do not want to rush into anything and possibly complicate Cox's own investigations.

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*Should be "now a subject of investigation." - NYTimes 6 Jul 73, Roberts.