

Ulasewicz: I Asked Cost of

Following are excerpts from the testimony of Anthony T. Ulasewicz, former New York City policeman, during yesterday's session of the Senate select Watergate committee.

Under questioning by assistant majority counsel Terry Lenzner, Ulasewicz told how he distributed money to some of the Watergate defendants on the orders of Herbert W. Kalmbach, President Nixon's personal attorney:

Lenzner: Now, on or about June 28, 1972, did you receive a call from . . . Mr. Kalmbach?

Ulasewicz: Yes, I believe it was on the 29th of June . . . Mr. Kalmbach asked me to come down to Washington the next afternoon, that he wanted to speak to me regarding an assignment . . .

We met in the Statler-Hilton Hotel in his room . . . Mr. Kalmbach advised me that he had a very important assignment, and he went at least three times over the statement saying that it was a situation that developed that he was asked to do something and needed my help in doing it. He said that it was legal, that it was to provide funds for persons in difficulty for payment of their counsels, and for payment to assist their families during some troublesome period. He repeated the statement several times. He was very ill at ease, very nervous and we got to the point where I said "Well, Mr. Kalmbach just what is this now" and . . . he said "It's the Watergate situation. I guess you have guessed that" . . .

And he said "Well, again, let me assure you I would not in any way or fashion ask anyone to do anything that I would not engage my own services in. It is an assignment for me and I am asking you to do this. It will necessitate confidential methods possibly." He could not go into at that time as to what it might completely take in.

At a certain point in the conversation, he mentioned that there may be a necessity of communicating by telephone with me from time to time, and what might be the best procedures. I said if you mean as far as best procedures of eavesdropping or any of that type that the telephone booth method is the only one . . .

If we wanted to be absolutely certain of receiving a call at a cleared phone booth . . . he would go into an area where he wanted me to call from a phone booth, establish that it was actually a phone booth but we did make an arrangement later where we did furnish with numbers . . .

Mr. Kalmbach agreed to use, suggested whenever he might call me in relation to this matter he would use; the name Novak and that would be just strictly for myself. In the course of that, he said that if another name would probably be necessary it would be Rivers.

Lenzner: Who was supposed to use that name?

Ulasewicz: He anticipated that I might use that name in contact with distributing this money to the people that it would be necessary. At a point in the conversation he said that he had the money with him, and it was \$75,100 which he gave me. It was in \$100 bills.

Lenzner: What did you put it in?

Ulasewicz: I went to the closet of the room and took a laundry bag and put the money in a laundry bag . . .

Lenzner: Did you go back to New York with the \$75,100?

Ulasewicz: Yes, I did.

Lenzner: Did you thereafter . . . receive money again from Mr. Kalmbach?

Ulasewicz: Yes, I did . . . At the Regency Hotel in New York City (in July, 1972).

Lenzner: Approximately how much?

Ulasewicz: \$40,000.

Lenzner: . . . Where was the next delivery?

Ulasewicz: At the Hilton here in Washington, \$28,900 (also in July, 1972) . . . And then my recollection is the final amount was \$75,000 at the Airporter Inn in Los Angeles opposite the Orange County airport (in August, 1972).

Lenzner: . . . when you received these other amounts you left them somewhere else?

Ulasewicz: Yes . . . in a safe deposit box.

Lenzner: Now . . . did you hear from Mr. Kalmbach again?

Ulasewicz: . . . he told me to call a Mr. (Douglas) Caddy (the attorney hired in June, 1972 by Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt Jr. to represent the original five Watergate defendants.)

In this case he instructed me to use I believe it was (the name) John Rivers when I called Mr. Caddy and I at this occasion was to say the purpose of my call to Mr. Caddy was that I was asking the cost of a script, of a play plus the salaries of the players, which I did. I contacted Mr. Caddy, and he was—and he said he would meet me in a restaurant sometime in the afternoon here in Washington, D.C. . . .

However, a phone call came in (at the restaurant). I was paged by the bartender, Mr. Caddy got on the phone and said that he couldn't meet me, after speaking to somebody in his office in the attorney's office that he could not meet me, would I be able to come and see him. I told him I would get in touch with him.

My instructions originally with Mr. Kalmbach was that I enter no negotiations at any time that he would not enter negotiations. This is refreshing my memory again and the other thing he said was that I am to do, if I received amounts or so, I am not to deliver anything until I get in touch with Mr. Kalmbach, and throughout these, continually throughout these, negotiations and drops and whatever may come up, this was the pattern, that I would make the contact as directed, but I would take no action until I reported whatever was said or done to Mr. Kalmbach and even I would await a return call from Mr. Kalmbach, as to whether to proceed or not . . .

Lenzner: . . . At some point, did Mr. Kalmbach tell you to drop the whole Caddy business?

Ulasewicz: Yes.

Lenzner: I take it you were having these conversations phone booth to phone booth between yourself and Mr. Kalmbach?

Ulasewicz: That is correct.

Lenzner: Were you loaded down with change, Mr. Ulasewicz?

Ulasewicz: Oh, yes, indeed.

Lenzner: How did you carry that change?

Ulasewicz: When I started out, I started with a kind of little box deal. When I finished up, I had . . . one of these things that the bus drivers have.

(Laughter)

Lenzner: After you got back to New York, did you again receive instructions from Mr. Kalmbach?

Ulasewicz: Yes. Just about

the time it ended with Caddy, which we got nowhere, and I still had the \$75,100, I was asked to call (Nixon re-election committee lawyer Paul) O'Brien, using the name of John Rivers.

Lenzner: Did you call him?

Ulasewicz: I called Mr. O'Brien, received a very tart kind of brush-off response, and that was the end of that conversation. It was one phone call. He showed no interest in any script, players, or any type of message that I would give . . .

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Mr. Ulasewicz: I did . . . I told him exactly as I have related here . . .

He came back, gave me another person to call — it was not a person. He gave me a telephone number this time, no name involved. To the best of my recollection, when I called and it was answered, the fellow would be expecting a call, give the name of Mr. John Rivers or whatever name — it would have to be Rivers, I imagine.

Lenzner: Where was the number?

Ulasewicz: Washington, D.C., area. And I may have called from the City of New York at that time, because running around with \$75,100, trying to get rid of it was becoming a problem.

So I called the number and he said to me, you can talk to the writer's wife. And I said to him, well, as far as the writer's wife, I do not have a phone number. He said, why don't you do what I have to do, look in the phone book? So that was the end of that conversation, because that was apparently another one we were not going to get anywhere with . . .

Lenzner: Did you get further instructions from Mr. Kalmbach?

Ulasewicz: Yes. I then was instructed to call Mr. (William O.) Bittman (Hunt's attorney) in Washington . . .

Lenzner: What instructions did you have to talk to him?

Ulasewicz: The same thing, the cost of the script, the writer, get what the at-

torney fees—not the attorney fees at this point. The cost of the script, the players, etc.

Lenzner: You were using the same name—Mr. Rivers?

Ulasewicz: I believe so, yes.

Lenzner: Did you call Mr. Bittman?

Ulasewicz: I did . . . I recall that in the first conversation, Mr. Bittman said, well, I understand. He was expecting a call. He said well, this is very unusual. He said something like, I do not know if you are an attorney, but an attorney does not anticipate fees and costs in this manner . . .

And he brought in the situation that—he was not prepared at that time, something was not according to the way he liked. I so reported to Mr. Kalmbach, received my call back from Mr. Kalmbach. He told me again to call and contact Mr. Bittman.

Now, this is some period of time passes by. Mr. Bittman said, all right, his initial fee would be \$25,000.

Lenzner: What period of time, Mr. Ulasewicz, are we talking about?

Ulasewicz: This would be around July 8 to the 10th, in that period of time.

Lenzner: You are talking now about your discussions with Mr. Bittman?

Ulasewicz: With Mr. Bittman, correct.

Lenzner: And did you call Mr. Kalmbach and tell him Mr. Bittman had indicated he wanted an initial fee of \$25,000?

Ulasewicz: I did.

Lenzner: What was Mr. Kalmbach's response?

Ulasewicz: He said to deliver it to Mr. Bittman in any manner I saw fit.

Lenzner: Did he give you any instructions about not being seen by Mr. Bittman?

Ulasewicz: Oh, yes, those came in after the Caddy call, that somehow conversations were arranged that I would not now be seen by anybody, to do the money without being observed, in a confidential manner.

Lenzner: That was Mr. Kalmbach's instructions to you?

Ulasewicz: Right . . .

Lenzner: And how did you arrange to deliver that money?

Ulasewicz: I contacted Mr. Bittman right from (a telephone booth in) the lobby of his office there. I spoke with him and I told him that I had the cash. Prior to that, I went out to a drugstore in the area, bought a couple of envelopes and some scotch tape, and I had to count out . . . \$25,000 from the \$75,100 original, which I did, and I put it into a plain Kraft brown envelope . . .

I called . . . Mr. Bittman and told him that I had the delivery and that would he come right down and that it would be on the ledge at the telephone booth.

Now, this gentleman is standing where the ledge is. There are two or three or four telephone books and there is a ledge above, a kind of space. I told him it would be a brown sack and that the money would be lying right there, would he come right down, if he would walk right through and pick it up and go back to the elevator, I would be satisfied.

Lenzner: Now, thereafter, did an individual come down on the elevator?

Ulasewicz: We had a description of clothing as I phoned, as I recall, that he would be wearing a brown suit or something at that time.

Lenzner: Did somebody come down wearing those clothes?

Ulasewicz: Yes . . . He came right out of this elevator, the first elevator, and walked right over, picked it (the envelope) up, walked right back in, and went up.

Lenzner: Now, Mr. Ulasewicz, rather than having you go back and forth several times between the table and the easel, I would like to go ahead and continue, if it is OK, and have you describe other contacts that you made with individuals you furnished with money.

Did there come a time later when Mr. Kalmbach instructed you to furnish funds to Mrs. Hunt?

Ulasewicz: Yes, that is correct.

Lenzner: Did you have a conversation with Mrs. Hunt where you arranged to furnish her with some funds?

Ulasewicz: Yes, I did.

Lenzner: Would you just describe what you told her, how she could pick up her money?

Ulasewicz: I told Mrs. Hunt that at a certain time in a day, and I picked an hour, to come into the lounge for the American Airlines, which is a long lounge area, leading right through the building (at National Airport). There are ticket desks on one side, seats in the center and it is a very busy area . . .

In the meantime, whatever drop I would have at the time, I would put in this particular locker and take the key. And just before, when I pulled up with the instructions, now, five minutes before I knew she was coming, there was opposite, and about 25 feet away, across from Northwest Orient Airlines; there is a series of telephone booths, five or six booths, and there is a newsstand across and there is a bit of traffic . . .

So five minutes prior to the time I would tell her to come, I would go into this telephone booth and underneath where the coin drop is, I would scotch tape the key to the locker where I made my drop . . .

Lenzner: Now, did you ob-

serve her on the first occasion come by, pick up the key, and go over to the box, which I think is N-301, and remove funds that you had left there?

Ulasewicz: That is correct.

Lenzner: Did you see her do that on other occasions?

Ulasewicz: On two other occasions.

Lenzner: Now, the first occasion, how much money did you leave in that box?

Ulasewicz: \$40,000.

Lenzner: The second occasion?

Ulasewicz: I will just refer to the notes . . . there were four drops to the Hunts.

Lenzner: Four drops to the Hunts—three to Mrs. Hunt and one to Mr. Hunt?

Ulasewicz: That is correct. There were 43,000 (dollars) the second time, 18 (thousand dollars) the third, and 53,500 (dollars) on the last occasion, which was Sept. 19.

Lenzner: . . . Did there come a time when you were instructed by Mr. Kalmbach to deliver funds to Mr. (G. Gordon) Liddy (a convicted Watergate conspirator).

Ulasewicz: Correct.

Lenzner: Do you remember approximately when that was?

Ulasewicz: That was in July of '72.

Lenzner: Did you contact Mr. Liddy and give him instructions as to how that money would be delivered?

Ulasewicz: I did.

Lenzner: How much was that, by the way?

Ulasewicz: \$8,000.

Lenzner: All right, sir. Now, will you explain what you told Mr. Liddy?

Ulasewicz: . . . We made arrangements and in this instance, I placed the money in the locker at this end of the lobby and at the end of the lobby, the main area, where Eastern Airlines comes in here, I placed the money in the bottom locker. I placed the key in an envelope and placed it on a ledge here by the window and myself in a position back to observe, much in this fashion . . .

Then he (Liddy) came in and did as instructed, told him he would be wearing a shirt of some description. He came in, walked by me and he proceeded up—there is a flight of stairs which lead to an upper deck, and I watched him from up here, and I lost sight of him, he had gone into a, there is a corridor leading in here and he probably thought that there were lockers in this area, and he went, however, he came back in maybe 30 seconds or so, and looking at his key opened the thing and took the money.

Lenzner: Now did there come a time when you were asked to deliver money to (former Nixon aide) Mr. Fred LaRue by Mr. Kalmbach?

Ulasewicz: Yes.

Lenzner: Was that in September, 1972?

Ulasewicz: That is correct.

Lenzner: And approximately how much was that?

Ulasewicz: \$29,900.

Lenzner: What arrangements did you make with Mr. LaRue to deliver those funds?

Ulasewicz: . . . What I did is there is a garage opposite where Mr. LaRue lived in the Watergate, his entrance had one telephone booth and it was very, it was being used quite a bit so I didn't go there but I hated to go to where I did go, which was the Howard Johnson Hotel across from Watergate which was used in the original situation (the bugging)

and that is where I wound up.

I placed the key, I called Mr. LaRue, and asked him to come down, I had a package, he was waiting the call 6:00 p.m. exactly, he was awaiting the call and he says fine, he would be right down. I had never met Mr. LaRue. I asked him to put two magazines under his arm, come across the street, come into the motel entrance and the money would be on the ledge in the motel.

When he came out, it is a wide street, I watched him through the motel window here, and he had the two magazines . . . he stopped at the island because of the heavy traffic. When he stepped off the island, he was now approaching, I laid the money on the ledge in the envelope and I proceeded through a door back to the

cigarette machines and I could see him come in, pick up the money, hesitate a moment, go right out and go back, back to his apartment.

Lenzner: So you had the money and him under observation until such time as he picked it up?

Ulasewicz: That is correct.

Lenzner: Thank you very much, Mr. Ulasewicz . . . we will go back and pick up some more of your conversations with Mrs. Hunt.

Now, after you delivered your \$25,000 to Mr. Bittman, did you so advise Mr. Kalmbach that you had made that delivery?

Ulasewicz: I did.

Lenzner: Now, after that did you receive another phone call from Mr. Kalmbach instructing you to contact the writer or the writer's wife?

Ulasewicz: Yes, and he gave me the telephone number to the writer's residence.

Lenzner: Who were you to call on that first occasion?

Ulasewicz: The writer, who would be Mr. Hunt.

Lenzner: And did you have any instructions, what were you supposed to say to him?

Ulasewicz: That a listing of the cost of the script and the same routine, the actors and who may be concerned in that show . . .

Lenzner: Did you have a conversation, did you ask for the writer and talk to somebody out there?

Ulasewicz: Yes, I spoke to a male whom I assumed was the writer. He was evasive and wouldn't recognize my call in any way, and that was the end of that call, and I got back to Mr. Kalmbach who then, I had to await a return call, and the return call was to call again, and that if the writer's wife, ask for the writer's wife which, of course, was Mrs. Hunt.

Lenzner: Did you call and ask for the writer's wife and talk to somebody?

Ulasewicz: I did, and she answered the phone . . . I

told her that I was calling regarding the figures and Mrs. Hunt stated that she started with a list of necessities of attorneys, attorney fees, and she went into the persons down, referring to people down south, with the necessity for aid.

Lenzner: I take it, Mr. Ulasewicz, you had a series of phone conversations during July, 1972, with Mrs. Hunt?

Ulasewicz: That is correct.

Lenzner: Well, can you tell the committee the substance of what those conversations concerned?

Ulasewicz: . . . When she spoke of costs to . . . Mr. Hunt, her husband, Mr. (James) McCord (a Watergate conspirator), Mr. Liddy, she gave figures of approximately \$3,000 a month would be satisfactory, and she had hoped that that might be done in some multiples so we would not go

through this thing monthly, and then she mentioned the name of (Watergate conspirator Bernard) Barker . . .

Lenzner: And was there an answer to the multiple sums that Mrs. Hunt was seeking for the defendants?

Ulasewicz: Yes, it was to be \$15,000 to McCord, Liddy and Hunt, \$6,000 to Barker, \$4,000 to (Frank A.) Sturgis, \$2,000 to (Virgilio) Gonzalez, \$2,000 to (Eugenio) Martinez (all Watergate conspirators).

Lenzner: Now, was there also a discussion with Mrs. Hunt about the attorneys in the case?

Ulasewicz: Yes, there was . . . She said the attorneys, and she mentioned names of the defendants and their attorneys, she mentioned \$25,000 for Bittman for Hunt. Now, this was in addition, and I do not know if she knew I delivered the 25 (thousand dollars) but she did present to me again in this text that Hunt and Bittman (\$25,000, that McCord with Lee Bailey, (\$25,000, Liddy with Peter Maroulis, (\$25,000, Barker with Henry Rothblatt, (\$25,000. The three others, each (\$10,000, a total of (\$30,000 . . .

Lenzner: By the way, did there come a time when you totaled up the amounts of money that Mrs. Hunt was seeking?

Ulasewicz: Well, it was, yes, it was in the vicinity of 400 to 450 thousand dollars.

Lenzner: And did you have a conversation with Mr. Kalmbach concerning that figure and Mrs. Hunt's demands on you in California when you went to pick up the \$75,000 out there?

Ulasewicz: Yes, that was in August, and it was the last pick-up from Mr. Kalmbach, and shall I go through it?

Lenzner: Yes . . .

Ulasewicz: When he picked me up in his car in the airport car in Orange County airport and we sat in the car, and just prior to this, I had already suggested to Mr. Kalmbach that this thing has definitely gone a different direction than originally anticipated . . .

In all these conversations, Mr. Kalmbach was as upset about it as I was, as I related

it to him. He certainly didn't like it in any fashion as no more than I did so we got along very well on that score. When we met in the automobile, I got in the car and Mr. Kalmbach said "Tony, what's your opinion of all this?" and I said . . . "Well, Mr. Kalmbach, I will tell you something here is not kosher" and he, he kind of looked at me and I said "Well, it's definitely not your ball game, Mr. Kalmbach." I said "Whatever has happened we started with no negotiations, we are into negotiations, we started with 75 thousand dollars and now we are into a sum which we have raised,

we have now got something like \$220,000 coming in or 219 thousand dollars as the exact figure and we are only approaching half and I know that the next conversation I have that figure has got to go up from all inferences and all."

I said "Certainly. Mr. Kalmbach, I know your feelings in the matter, I know how we started, what you said, it was legal but it was now leading up to a point and I feel I must tell you," and he understood that was my last to be mine and I recommended very strongly to Mr. Kalmbach that he like wise desist from it regardless of how it started out and of all good intentions and he said that he would, he assured me of that, not that he had to assure me, we were from different stages of life. However, he did agree with me that this was time to quit it . . .



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Anthony Ulasewicz shows National Airport locker picture as he explains how he arranged to drop money to Mrs. Hunt.



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