

## White House 'Plumber' Takes Fifth

### Washington

David R. Young Jr., a former White House aide, refused to tell a House subcommittee yesterday whether his superior, John D. Ehrlichman, had approved a plan to burglarize the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

Subcommittee officials said Young refused to answer this and more than 40 other questions, invoking the Constitution's Fifth Amendment guarantee against being required to give testimony that might incriminate him.

On Tuesday, another former White House aide, Egil Krogh Jr., also invoked the Fifth Amendment, refusing to answer some 50 questions, according to Representative Lucien N. Nedzi, (Dem-Mich.), chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Intelligence Operations.

Krogh and Young had supervised the White House group called "The Plumbers," which was set up in 1971 to investigate security leaks, including release by Ellsberg of the Pentagon papers detailing U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia.

Government sources have said that Young has given



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DAVID YOUNG JR.  
Ellsberg burglary probe

Federal Watergate prosecutors a memorandum that he and Krogh reportedly sent to Ehrlichman in the late summer of 1971, outlining plans to burglarize the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding in Beverly Hills, Calif.

While Young refused to answer subcommittee questions yesterday, there have been reports that he is prepared to testify in court that Ehrlichman saw the memo and approved the burglary operation.

Ehrlichman, former domestic affairs counsellor to President Nixon, reportedly told the Nedzi subcommittee on June 13 that he had approved "some sort of proposal" involving a White House investigation of Ellsberg.

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