

A Rich Diet for Liddy's Shredder

Washington

G. Gordon Liddy's zeal to escape arrest allegedly led him to "shred" all evidence — including soap wrappers and \$100 bills—that would have linked him to the Watergate affair, the Senate Watergate committee was told yesterday.

Robert C. Mardian, a key aide to former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and himself implicated in the scandal, testified that Liddy had personally told

him of the shredding episodes.

"He had a hobby of collecting soap from various hotels," Mardian, a former assistant attorney general, said.

"He said he had taken the wrappers off, had saved the soap, and had shredded all the wrappers."

The money met the same fate, Mardian told the panel.

"He said he had shredded all \$100 bills he had in his possession that had been serialized."

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