

Watergate's Hunt Has a Stroke

Washington

Convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt has suffered an apparent stroke that has left one of his legs partially paralyzed, according to his literary agent, Donald MacCampbell.

MacCampbell said last night he learned of the illness when he visited Hunt recently at the federal prison in Danbury, Conn.

MacCampbell said Hunt told him he believes the stroke was brought on by a fight he had in June with a cellmate in the District of Columbia jail.

'DETERIORATING'

According to MacCampbell, Hunt has been "deteriorating rapidly — both physically and psychologically."

"He told me he won't last two years in prison," said MacCampbell. "He looks like an old man."

The stroke, MacCampbell said, has left Hunt with a loss of feeling in his left leg.

Dr. Robert Brutsche, medical director for the U.S.

Bureau of Prisons, confirmed that a medical examination of Hunt at Danbury showed he has symptoms "consistent with a stroke but not necessarily indicative of one."

There is "no visible incapacitation," Brutsche said.

SENTENCING

Hunt, who is provisionally committed to Danbury while awaiting permanent sentencing, is hoping that his physical condition may be taken into consideration by Chief Judge John J. Sirica of the U.S. District Court, MacCampbell said.

Until his health began to fail, MacCampbell said, Hunt had been making notes for a new book. "He has set some sort of publishing record," says MacCampbell. "He will soon have 17 books on sale in bookstores at the same time."

Hunt's CIA-background thrillers, originally published under a pseudonym, are being reissued under his own name.

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A little more detail in WXPost, same date.