

A Report Magruder Passed a Lie Test

Washington

Jeb S. Magruder was reported yesterday to have passed a lie detector test supporting his allegation that former Attorney General John N. Mitchell approved the Watergate break-in.

The Washington Star-News, quoting "reliable sources," said Magruder, former deputy director of the Nixon campaign, took the test on orders from federal prosecutors some time between April 14 and May 2.

Magruder has acknowledged that he had lied the

first time he appeared before the Watergate grand jury and during the January trial of the seven original Watergate defendants.

The Star-News said the results of the lie detector test indicated he was telling the truth when he went to federal prosecutors April 14 and offered to tell all he knew. He testified before the grand jury a third time on May 2.

The lie detector test "is considered by the prosecution to lend some credence to Magruder's version" of the Watergate story, the newspaper said.

Magruder told the Senate

Watergate committee that Mitchell gave final approval on March 30, 1972, at Key Biscayne, Fla., to Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy's scaled-down plan to eavesdrop on Democratic headquarters at the Watergate complex.

Mitchell later denied this, saying he rejected the plan outright. Another participant in the Key Biscayne meeting, Mitchell aide Frederick C. Larue, testified that Mitchell said only that the matter did not have to be decided at that time.

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