

Ellsberg Answer

On His Sex Life

Los Angeles

Daniel Ellsberg said yesterday that his sexual life has been so without problems "that the few anecdotes about it I told to my psychiatrist quite bored him."

Ellsberg made the comment after laughing out loud at former White House consultant E. Howard Hunt Jr.'s testimony before the Los Angeles county grand jury describing Ellsberg as a brilliant but unstable man with sexual problems.

Ellsberg said: "I did not go to an analyst because of any sexual problems, I can assure you. I just had always wanted to undergo psychoanalysis."

TESTIMONY

Hunt, a convicted Watergate conspirator who has been given immunity here in exchange for telling of his part in the break-in at the office of Ellsberg's psychiatrist, gave this testimony about Ellsberg during a June 6 appearance before the grand jury:

"The picture that emerged ... was that of a brilliant, unstable man, who in effect led a bifurcated life; he has come from academia, yet at the same time, he had marital problems; he had evi-

dently a great many sexual problems: he consorted with females of foreign birth and extraction — which was a danger signal to anybody in the counterespionage field."

Ellsberg offered the following point-by-point commentary on the "picture" of him Hunt gave to the grand jurors:

"Frankly it is hard for me to get inside the head, even if I wanted to, of someone who sees inconsistencies in a man with an academic background having marital difficulties.

"I do not have any sexual problems of which I am aware.

"Actually, I am of foreign extraction myself, like every other American, except the Indians. The truth is that I have consorted with some women in my life who are not even American, and as to this being a danger signal to counterespionage agents, I can only say that they must lead very worried lives, indeed."

FAMILIAR

At another point in his testimony, Hunt told the grand jury he had "thoroughly familiarized" himself with government reports on Ellsberg including those about "the rather bizarre life he led in Malibu," and "of his

experimentation with hallucinogenic drugs."

Ellsberg had this reaction yesterday on those two points:

"I really can't guess what aspect of my personal life Mr. Hunt might see as bizarre. Frankly, I find his professional life pretty bizarre.

"Certainly, he must have seen the FBI report that I had taken part in and supervised drug experiments at UCLA in 1960-61 when such experiments with LSD were both legal and openly known to my employers at the time."

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