

## Krogh's Lawyer Asks For Files on Plumbers

### Washington

The White House has balked at a request by Egil Krogh Jr. that he be allowed to examine documents of the so-called plumbers unit he directed at the time of the Ellsberg break-in in 1971, his attorney disclosed yesterday.

"It's not as though he's asking for files on the milk fund," said the attorney, Stephen N. Shulman, in a telephone interview. "He's asking for files on a national security project for which the government has charged him with a number of criminal offenses."

Asked about the matter, a White House official disputed the assertion that Krogh

had been denied access to the documents, which are part of the presidential files. "His request is pending and has not been rejected," the official said.

Krogh, the former White House aide who has been indicted here and in Los Angeles for his role in directing the break-in and subsequent coverup efforts, has been considered — up to now — a Nixon loyalist.

In May, he resigned as undersecretary of transportation after publicly stating that the burglary of the offices of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist was "a step taken in excess of instructions, and without the knowledge or permission of any superior."

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