

L.A. Drops Krogh Charges

Los Angeles

Defendants in the Ellsberg psychiatrist burglary case were narrowed down to John Ehrlichman and two other former White House aides yesterday with dismissal of charges against Egil Krogh.

On the motion of the district attorney, the one-time head of the White House "plumbers' squad" will not be prosecuted on burglary and conspiracy charges.

That decision came after Krogh pleaded guilty in Washington last week to infringement of the civil rights of Dr. Lewis Fielding in the 1971 break-in.

Krogh is now expected to be the key witness — for both the prosecution and defense — when the trial gets under way, probably not before February.

Ehrlichman's attorney, Joseph Ball, said he expect-

ed Krogh to be "a valuable witness" for the former chief domestic adviser to President Nixon.

The remaining defendants along with Ehrlichman are David Young, former national security agency member assigned to the White House, and G. Gordon Liddy, already serving a federal term for the Watergate break-in.

Assistant District Attorney Stephen Trott, noting that Krogh was liable to ten years imprisonment based on his Washington plea, said "absolutely no deal" was made in dropping the Los Angeles charges.

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