

Hunt Says LBJ Had Him Spy on Goldwater

Washington

Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt Jr. has told the staff of the Senate select Watergate committee that he conducted surveillance of Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep-Ariz.) during the 1964 presidential campaign at the order of President Lyndon B. Johnson, according to informed sources.

The exact nature and duration of Hunt's activities

were not revealed, but Goldwater, an amateur dabbler in electronics, said yesterday that he had no indication that the surveillance involved electronic eavesdropping.

Another source said Hunt was not certain of the dates of the surveillance, although he told the committee staff it began well before Goldwater's presidential nomination at the 1964 Republican convention and lasted until after

his election defeat that November.

Hunt said he undertook the operation with a team of operatives under directions from Mr. Johnson, through an intermediary, according to the sources. They declined to say who Hunt named as the intermediary.

Goldwater, who declined to give the source of his information, said he had been told in the past two or three days that Hunt and a team

that "could have been as many as 30 people not just working on me, but working on other people, too" operated out of offices in "downtown" Washington. Although Goldwater said he could not be certain of the group's name, he thought it was "Domestic Investigations." Goldwater said he did not know the names of the other people under surveillance.

Goldwater said he had the impression that Hunt and

the others involved in the operation were "on leave" from the CIA where Hunt was supposed to be working at the time.

"I knew ten years ago what was going on," Goldwater said, asserting that friends in the CIA and the FBI had told him then that he was under surveillance by both agencies. Goldwater said he had "no idea" what the investigation involved since he had no indication it

delved into his private life, financial affairs, "home life or anything like that."

Goldwater said he learned only two or three days ago of Hunt's professed involvement.

At the time, Goldwater said, "I just assumed it was one man or two men assigned at the direction of the President . . . it never bothered me. I never got upset about it. Oh, I guess it should have but, knowing

Johnson as I did, I never got upset about it.

Hunt's appearance before the Senate Watergate committee's staff was part of an ongoing investigation by the Republican staff members of the possible role of the CIA in the Watergate affair. The committee's vice chairman, Senator Howard H. Baker Jr. (Rep-Tenn.), has been directing this inquiry for several months.

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